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Regulatory Agency Denied Jurisdiction Over Seminary

By Philip Poole
FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — A federal judge in Fort Worth has ruled that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission does not have jurisdiction over Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

U. S. District Judge Eldon Mahon ruled, following a two-and-a-half year court battle, that the EEOC did not have the right to seek employee records at the Southern Baptist institution. The EEOC cannot force the seminary to provide records on the race, sex or salaries of employees, nor can

the federal agency take any action against the seminary while enforcing federal laws on discrimination.

EEOC lawyers filed suit in May 1977, when the seminary refused to divulge records on the grounds it would violate First Amendment rights for the separation of church and state. The suit was considered a test case for Southwestern and five other Southern Baptist seminaries in determining how far the EEOC could go in forcing seminaries to comply with federal guidelines against discrimination.

"At this point we do not have any word as to whether the EEOC will appeal the case," seminary President Russell H. Dilday Jr. said. "Since any appeal is decided only upon the facts already introduced in the suit, we feel confident about positive decisions in any future litigation." Any such appeal would be made to the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court in New Orleans.

In a trial in March 1979, seminary attorney Jenkins Garrett argued that the seminary is a "wholly religious" institution in its purpose and thus is not

subject to federal jurisdiction by the agency. EEOC contended that the seminary is required to follow federal guidelines because it is an institution of higher education employing more than 15 persons.

Judge Mahon said the wording of the 1967 Civil Rights Act appears to give the EEOC jurisdiction, but he emphasized that the operation of a seminary is a "religious activity entitled to the highest degree" of federal protection.

In a lengthy opinion, Mahon said the

seminary sought to create an "integrated homogeneous community" where all employees "are expected to contribute to a unified religious endeavor and maintain a commitment to spiritual life."

Mahon said, "The task of unseemly governmental entanglement increases" as the function of an institution becomes more fundamentally religious.

The ruling will give seminary officials complete freedom in creating the

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One Lord, One Faith, One Witness

This choir sings in a different language, from English, but the God they praise is the same one that 34 million Baptists worship in 138 countries around the world. February 3, 1980 is Baptist World Alliance Day, a time set aside to remember the larger context of the world Baptist family and to pray for its continued growth and spiritual development. (Story on Page 3)



Dominica Construction Project

Dominica Missionary Don Snell talks with nationals about construction work there. Mississippians are busy these next two months helping the people rebuild homes. See story on page 2.

Education Commission Head Speaks To Baptist Schools

By Don McGregor

"There is no competition for Christian higher education," Arthur L. Walker Jr. told members of the Christian Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention during the commission meeting last week in Hattiesburg.

Walker is executive secretary-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Mississippi Commission met on the campus of William Carey College.

Walker continued his statements by saying that "Christ called us to go out and teach in order that all might become disciples. . . . The state junior college is not involved in that," he added.

Walker was discussing the study of Clarke College that his commission has been requested to undertake by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Convention Board, the Mississippi Christian Education Commission, and the Clarke Board of Trustees.

He countered what some commission members declared were opinions being relayed to them that the study would be for the purpose of closing Clarke College. He noted that the purpose for the study would be to seek to find ways that Clarke can be better able to serve Mississippi Baptists and a student population.

Walker said there is a reservoir of students for Baptist higher education. "There are people who seek what we are offering, if we offer what we claim we do," he continued. "Christian higher education is missions. That is the reason for beginning educational institutions—the training of people for missions and witnessing to the lost."

The Christian Education Commission began a new year with officers re-elected from 1979. They are Kermit McGregor, pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, chairman; Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, vice-chairman; and Fred Fowler, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson, secretary.

Also on hand for the meeting was Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary. Leavell discussed the New Orleans Seminary branch which has begun operating in Tupelo. It is a part of the seminary's School of

Christian Training. Gene Henderson, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus, and Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, are teaching there.

Leavell said the effort was in response to requests from the Tupelo area to provide theological training. The work is not as high as a baccalaureate degree, he said.

"We are not in competition with anything a Mississippi Baptist college is doing," he declared.

Leavell noted that two Mississippi Baptist colleges lead all colleges with graduates on the campus of New Orleans Seminary. William Carey has the most with 81. There are 73 enrolled

at the seminary from Mississippi College.

The presidents of the four colleges presented written reports to the commission.

Among the reports it was noted that Blue Mountain, with an enrollment of 365, has the highest second semester since 1936. William Carey reported an early indication that its second semester would be somewhat higher in enrollment than last year and that its School of Nursing in New Orleans would move into the \$8 million education building at Southern Baptist Hospital there in August. Clarke reported that registration was to complete for

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Evangelism/Bible Meet To Offer Top Musicians

A large number of music evangelists and lay musicians are lined up for service during the Mississippi Evangelism/Bible Conference next week in Columbus.

The conference is scheduled for Feb. 4-6 at First Baptist Church, Columbus with Dan Hall as music leader. Hall is director of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music department.

Pianists include Dot Pray, keyboard specialist with the Church Music department; Charlene Henderson, pianist for First, Columbus; and Irene Martin, music evangelist, Forest. James Allen, music professor at Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, will be organist.

Soloists will include Reeta Davidson, Lucedale; Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, Jackson; Cyndi Grace, Yazoo City; Bob Waldrop, Columbus; Kathryn Barfield, Yazoo City; Jane Coleman, Laurel; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven; and Tom Larrimore, Jackson.

Other special music will be presented by the church choir of First, Columbus; Wilson Henderson, director; Bill and Marian Lee, Hattiesburg; Potter's Clay Ensemble, First, Columbia; Bernie Parker, director; R.L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City; and the North Mississippi Singing Churchmen Ensemble. Rick Munn, director.

Music leaders for various sessions include Floyd Grice, Bogie Chitto; Harrel Wilcox, Columbus; Jerry Swimmer, Ripley; and Don Moore, Aberdeen.

Iran Crisis Not To Change FMB Policy

RICHMOND, Virginia — Southern Baptists are not curtailing missionary activity in Arab countries because of the crisis in Iran, according to Dr. J. D. Hughey, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Europe and the Middle East. Having just returned from a tour of 15 countries within his area, he said, "I know nothing of any plans or thought of withdrawing from any Arab country at this time."

During visits to Yemen, Gaza, Jordan, Israel, and Egypt, Dr. Hughey saw no disturbances or display of anti-American feelings. He said that many people showed the same degree of Arab hospitality that he had been accustomed to.

Mrs. McLemore Dies Following Jan. 20 Accident

Nannie Pitts McLemore, 79, wife of the late Mississippi College president, Richard A. McLemore of Clinton, died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24, in the intensive care unit of Hinds General Hospital, Jackson. She had been in intensive care since Sunday, Jan. 20, when she was accidentally struck by a car as she was leaving church.

The funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 26, at First Church, Clinton, with burial at 2:30 p.m. in Highland Cemetery in Hattiesburg.

Mrs. McLemore, who was executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Committee, had lived in Clinton since 1957, when her husband became president of Mississippi College. They moved to Clinton from Hattiesburg, where he had been on the faculty of Mississippi Southern (USM). He was president of Mississippi College until his retirement in 1968. He died in 1976.

Mrs. McLemore, a native of Harvest, Alabama, was a noted historian. Both she and her husband were former history teachers who jointly wrote many books, including *The Mississippi Story*, a grade school history textbook, and *The History of Mississippi College*, which she completed after his death. Also Mrs. McLemore completed a history of the Baptist Record, which the two of them had begun before his death.

She was a member of the Clinton-Raymond chapter of the American Association of University Women. She was a member of First Church, Clinton, where she taught Sunday School.

Survivors are her only son, Harry, of Jackson; two grandchildren, Risa Lynn McLemore of Little Rock, Ark., and Richard A. McLemore; and two nieces.

The family asked that memorials be made to Mississippi College.

Second Million Dollar Month

This is the check that pushed Cooperative Program income from Mississippi Baptist churches over the million dollar mark for the second time in history. The first was October 1979. The check, which included \$8,070,31 for the Cooperative Program, came from First Baptist Church, Batesville, in Panola Association. That check brought the January total up to \$1,006,988.03. January totals are expected to make the highest total CP income in Mississippi Baptist history. Pictured left to right are: John Alexander, Earl Kelly, and Guy Henderson. Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Alexander is director of the Stewardship department. Henderson is a consultant in that department.

Conservatives Back Prayer Rule Changes

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Adrian Rogers and at least four other Southern Baptist ministers have joined a larger group of conservative religious spokesmen urging removal of the school prayer issue from the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

Official actions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, however, have upheld U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the past two decades opposing state-supported religion in public schools.

Rogers, elected SBC president last June during the annual meeting of the 134-million-member body, said, "My involvement is as Adrian P. Rogers. Period. It's not as president of the Southern Baptist Convention or as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church" in Memphis, Tenn.

Also joining in as sponsors of the Coalition for the First Amendment were James Robison, evangelist from Hurst, Texas; Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas; Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta,

Ga.; and Morris Sheats, pastor of Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Dallas. Other names in the coalition include television evangelists Jerry Falwell of the Old Time Gospel Hour, Pat Robertson of the 700 Club, and Jim Bakker of the PTL Club.

Announcement of the group's formation came during the annual meeting of the National Religious Broadcasters in Washington. It will seek to reinstate prayers in the public schools by pressuring Congress to remove the subject of prayer from court jurisdiction. The effort is spearheaded in Congress by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a Southern Baptist.

Although Rogers is the most prominent of the Southern Baptists lending their support to the coalition, Robison, Texas evangelist, serves as chairman of the interfaith group.

The coalition's effort could result in overturning the effect of two historic Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963, rulings which held that states as local educational units may not write prayers and enforce their repetition, nor require religious exercises such as Bible reading or recitation of the

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Sunday School Growth — Bible Teaching Conference

Left to right at the head of the crowd at First Baptist Church, Poyune, are Judd Allen, Billy Hudgens, Bryant Cummings, Kathryn Waites, Larry Salter, Mose Dangerfield, and Neil Jackson. Mrs. Waites is a state special Sunday School worker from Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Jackson is a staffer with the Sunday School Board. The others are the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School department. They drew this crowd last week to talk about Sunday School growth and offer Bible teaching tips. Thirty such conferences are planned around the state this year. (Tim Nicholas photo)

Children's Choir Leadership Clinics Set For February

The Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has scheduled six regional clinics, Feb. 16 and 19, to train those working with children and music. These will be for choir teachers and others interested in children's music.

The twelve area clinicians trained by the Church Music Department will lead these clinics in the following churches:

FEBRUARY 16

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Greenwood

1. Beverly Mercier - Pre-School
2. Susan Clark - Younger Children
2. Nedra Carter - Older Children

First Baptist Church Brookhaven

1. Judy Davis - Pre-School
2. Sarah Talley - Younger Children
3. Farley Earnest - Older Children

Petal-Harvey Baptist Church Petal

1. J. T. Hannaford - Pre-School
2. Susan Beaver - Younger Children
3. Bill Barnes - Older Children

FEBRUARY 19

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Oxford

1. Kathy Anderson - Pre-School
2. Susan Clark - Younger Children
3. Charlotte McElroy - Older Children

First Baptist Church Starkville

1. Beverly Mercier - Pre-School
2. Linda Fancher - Younger Children
3. Farley Earnest - Older Children

First Baptist Church Newton

1. Gwen Hitt - Pre-School
2. Annette Joe - Younger Children
3. Bill Barnes - Older Children

There will be a \$2.00 registration fee per person to be taken at the clinic. Sarah Talley, music specialist in children's music with the Church Music Department, is coordinating these events. She may be contacted for further information at 354-3704, Jackson.



Leesburg Men, Wilbur Merchant, Gary Thash, and Floyd Parker finish some work on the inside of a building.



Leesburg Men, Richie Irby, Gary Thash, Ricky Waltman, Chuck King, Buck Alman, rebuild a generator that had been broken down for some time.

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MC Law School Facilities Place Student Needs Foremost

CLINTON — It has been one year since the Mississippi College School of Law received as a gift the \$4.5 million United Gas Pipeline Co. building in downtown Jackson. Through the combined efforts of college, business, and financial leaders, the idea of a law school situated in the legal center of the state is becoming a reality.

According to E. A. Turnage, Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law, George Thornton, an attorney from Kosciusko and a long-time member of the College's Board of Trustees, initiated the study leading to the beginning of a law school at Mississippi College.

Turnage admits that the initial American Bar Association's inspection in the fall of 1977 "caused our morale to reach a low ebb and our future to look dim."

But "from this emerged a new direction and determination, led by President Nobles, assisted by T. M. Hederman, Jr., Robert M. Hearin, Edmund Brunini, Sr. Rowan Taylor, and Leon Hess, who began to work with J. Hugh Roff and the officials of the United Gas Pipeline of Houston, Tx."

As a result of their combined efforts and the generosity of the donors, the gift of the downtown facility was announced in Sept., 1978, along with a \$500,000 pledge for the support of the law school administration.

Now, the primary goal of the College is to transform the building into a well-equipped legal facility complete with law library. Though removal of gas company personnel and technical equipment was somewhat slowed by the aftermath of the Easter Flood, the exchange is progressing smoothly.

The anticipated date of completion for the renovation process is later in 1980; however, restructuring the building for academic use has involved "substantial renovation" according to Shirley Jones, a law faculty member who serves on the development committee.

"The building is structurally sound and is one of the best-constructed in the downtown area," says Mrs. Jones. "The major change in the interior has been to convert relatively small office space into large classrooms."

The building itself features four main floors and basement. Architectural plans call for maximum usage of each floor, with emphasis on student needs.

Mrs. Jones, a liaison between college maintenance staff, engineers, and architects, says that student needs have been kept uppermost in mind.

"The basement area is earmarked for student use, which includes a lounge, offices for the various bar associations and legal fraternities, and a spacious locker for each student's

books and study materials. We feel this arrangement will afford the ample space that students need for their comfort and convenience."

The first floor will house principal administrative offices, appellate and trial courtrooms, the Moot Court Board, conference rooms, and a media room. The second and third floors will provide classroom space, seminar rooms, offices for adjunct faculty, and offices for the Law Review staff.

The fourth floor is designated for faculty offices, a lounge, and secretarial space.

Additional plans call for a proposed law library to adjoin the original building. Consisting of approximately 18,000 sq. ft., the library will be a two-story structure raised on pillars with parking space on the basement level.

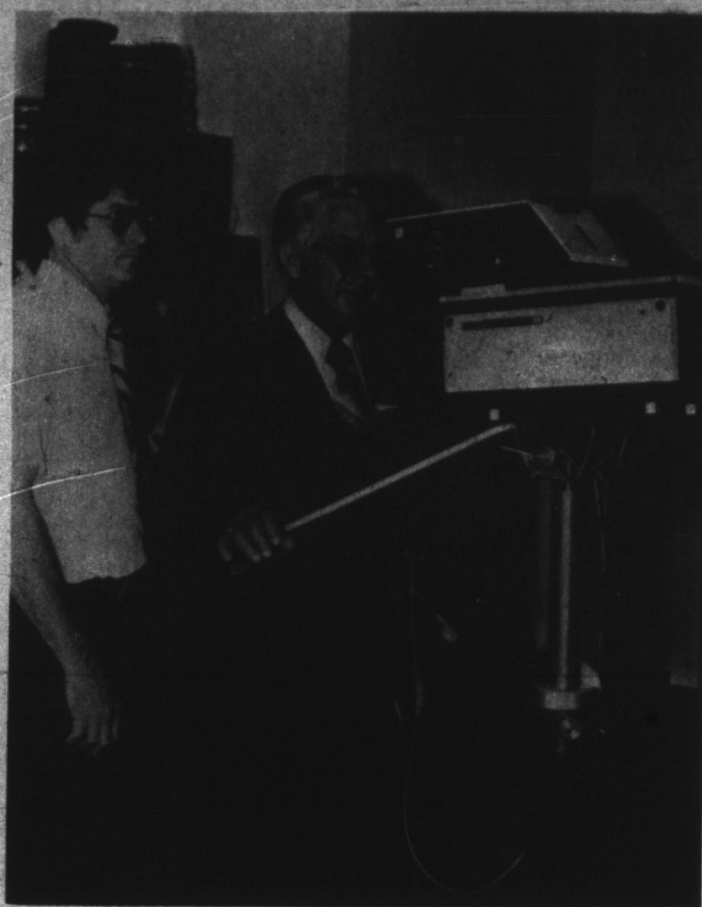
In addition to both closed and open stacks, the library will feature small study rooms for group consultations, individual carrels, and a room specifically designed for the use of visiting lawyers conducting research.

Proximity

The completion of the Mississippi College School of Law facility will make available to students unlimited opportunities for observing the various facets of the legal profession. Dean Turnage believes that the facility's proximity to primary legal buildings will be a great advantage for the school.

"We feel very strongly that the location of the Law School downtown, which is in walking distance of the State Capital, State Law Library, Supreme Courts and other courts, both federal and state, will add significantly to the interaction of our students with the courts, state government, and the legal profession. By availing themselves of the opportunities within their grasp, our law students may benefit from and contribute to the overall quality of the legal education and practice with the entire state."

Lewis Nobles summarized the importance of the Jackson facility when he commented, "The donation of this building is a positive step toward meeting the requirements for accreditation by the American Bar Association and will further our commitment to offer a quality legal education in the heart of Mississippi's most rapidly growing area."



Billy Lytal (l.), Director of Mississippi College's Media Center, shows Dean E. A. Turnage (r.) how to operate a video camera. Practice trials and moot court boards will be filmed in the new law building as part of the learning process for students.



Roben Moulner of the Mississippi College Law Library Staff catalogs material on the Solinet Unit. The computerized system enables the MC law library to share cataloging information on a nation-wide basis with other law schools.

Vicksburg Man Serving Year In Transkei

Dennis McCall of Vicksburg has volunteered to serve for one year with the Mission Service Corps, in Transkei, Africa, in the area of agricultural missions. He left for the field on Dec. 27, 1979.

McCall, 25, is the son of John G. McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, and Mrs. McCall. He received the B.S. degree in general agriculture from Mississippi State University in 1976 and the M.S. degree in horticulture from State in 1978. Since June 1978 he has served as county agent, Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock, Ark.

At State he was the recipient of the Jimmy Sanders Achievement Award in Agriculture.

His address is P. O. Box 32, Umtata, Transkei, Via South Africa.

Baptists Help Stadium Victims In Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (BP) — A medical team from Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla is helping to treat about 500 persons injured in the collapse of Colombia's largest bullring. Early reports indicate 147 died in the disaster in Sincelejo.

The team is headed by Robert L. Edwards, a Southern Baptist missionary physician stationed at the Barranquilla hospital. Dr. Edwards, disaster relief coordinator for Colombia, chartered a plane to take medicine and

Wood Resigns Baptist Joint Committee Post

WASHINGTON (BP) — James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will resign to return to the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, effective June 1.

Wood has headed the Baptist agency, assigned by nine Baptist bodies to work with public policy issues, since 1972. He will become director of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State and Simon Bunn Professor of

Church-State Studies at Baylor.

Wood, 57, taught at Baylor from 1955 to 1972 and became the first director of the Dawson studies in church and state in 1959. That same year he founded and became editor of the "Journal of Church and State," an assignment he held until 1973. He will reassume editorship upon returning to the Texas Baptist school.

Before going to Baylor the first time, Wood served for five years as a Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, where he taught religion and literature at Seinan Gakuin University, a Baptist school.

An alumnus of Carson-Newman College, Wood earned a master of arts from Columbia University and bachelor of divinity, master of theology and director of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done postgraduate work at Yale University and the Naganuma School of Japanese Studies in Tokyo.

Mrs. Ramsey Pollard Dies In Memphis

Mrs. Ramsey Pollard, wife of Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1980-82, died Jan. 27, in a nursing home in Memphis, Tenn. She was 76.

Funeral services were to be held Jan. 29 at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, where her husband is pastor emeritus. Burial was to be in Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. Pollard, the former Della Pickle of Texas, served as the first president of the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference in 1957.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Clett, of Atlanta, Ga.; a son Ramsey Pollard, Jr., of Winter Park, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Sadie Kruse of Newport Beach, Calif.

THE SHARRETTS



Illegal Tract Dropping Nets Long Prison Term

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (EP) — "It was the shortest three hours of my life."

This is the way Mrs. Mary Bailey of Newport News summed up her December 28 meeting in a Cuban prison with her husband, Melvin, who has been sentenced to 24 years in prison for "counter-revolutionary activities." Also sentenced with Bailey, 32, was Tom White, 31.

The two were uninjured when their single engine Piper crashed in Cuba May 26, the end of flight that was to take them from Nassau, Bahamas, to Montego Bay, Jamaica, with permission having been given to overfly Cuba. En route they were to drop 750 pounds of Spanish-language proreligious/anti-Communist leaflets over Cuba.

After the drop the plane was caught in a severe thunderstorm, according to Mrs. Bailey, and lost all navigational equipment. Disoriented, the pilot and passenger spotted lights they assumed to be Montego Bay. Low on fuel, they headed for the lights. The plane apparently crash-landed on empty fuel tanks. Both wings were ripped off... in Cuba.

Mrs. Bailey, White's wife, Ofelia, and five other mothers and wives were allowed into the prison on December 28 to visit relatives. Mrs. Bailey, who had not seen her husband for seven months, reported "there are about 32 to 42 other American men there and, we heard, four women." The prison east of Havana reportedly is one of Cu-

ba's largest, holding thousands of prisoners.

"Melvin had lost about 20 pounds," Mrs. Bailey said, "but his spirits were good. He doesn't believe God will leave him there for 24 years. He spent his first three months in solitary confinement and now there are 16 men in a 12 by 17 foot cell. They sleep in shifts because of the criminal activity that goes on. They have not been maltreated physically, do have religious services and are allowed outside about three times a week."

Mrs. Bailey said she hopes to see her husband within a few months when she can "save enough money to go back." Married 9½ years, the Baileys have a son eight and a daughter age two. "My faith is secure," said Mrs. Bailey. "I don't believe Jesus gives us a burden we cannot bear. I'm frustrated by the State Department's lack of action. I know we have no diplomatic relations with Cuba, but something should be done. My husband was there long before the hostages were taken in Iran. Many people are praying for Melvin, however, and that's the important thing."

The flight and imprisonment has brought to focus again the activities of Bible-smuggling organizations which have targeted Communist nations. Mrs. Bailey and Jesus To The Communist World continue to be at odds about who sponsored the flight and just how much Mr. Bailey knew about the mission.

"Melvin was out of work and looking

for fulltime flying employment with a Christian organization," said Mrs. Bailey. "He made contact with Mr. White and believed he was flying for Jesus To The Communist World. He knew he was dropping literature but was not sure the kind of literature. I remember him telling his Sunday School class he was carrying Bibles to Jamaica."

The California-based JTTCW says the flight was not an officially sponsored trip by the group. "Mr. White is an employee of ours," acknowledged Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand, "but this flight was paid for from an inheritance he had received and was not part of his work with us. He was using literature I had written that does not carry mention of JTTCW."

Feb. 3: "Prayer And Sharing" For Baptists In 120 Countries

WASHINGTON — February 3, 1980 will be a day of prayer, fellowship and sharing for 29 million Baptists who worship in more than 120 countries of the world.

It will be the 53rd annual observance of Baptist World Alliance Day. It also will be the first in a series of occasions marking the Diamond Jubilee year

Newsbriefs

Columbia, S. C. (EP) — Cornerstone, a Christian coffeehouse ministry here, closed out the seventies by reading the entire Bible aloud. The theme of the marathon was "revival in the 80s" and included 80 hours of prayer to go along with the 80 hours of reading the Bible from cover to cover. Fifty-four people participated in the event.

Austin, Texas (EP) — The Board of Directors of the American Atheists has demanded a public apology by President Carter to "the atheists of America" for his "pejorative" use of the word "atheist" in his Jan. 4 address to the nation. In his address on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Mr. Carter called it "a deliberate effort of a powerful atheist government to subjugate a Muslim people."

New York (EP) — The Bible is something nearly every home has but very few teenagers regularly picked up to read, says the latest Gallup Youth Survey. Only one teen in 10 reads the Bible daily while one quarter of them had never even opened it, the survey reported.



Parks Travels

Keith Parks (right), newly-elected executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, confers with N. Aldo Broda, director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, during a planning and communications seminar for missionaries and other missions workers in Middle America and the Caribbean. The meeting in Puerto Rico was Parks' first overseas trip as executive director. (BP) photo by A. Clark Scanlon.

Prayer Goals Asked For SBC

By Roy Jennings
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A wide range of ambitious goals, designed to help Southern Baptists evangelize the world by the year 2000, will be recommended to messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in June in St. Louis.

The 12 goals, proposed by the denomination's Board Mission Thrust Steering Committee for 1982-85, encompass the areas of reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families.

The proposed goals for reaching people call for Southern Baptists to reach 8.5 million persons in Bible study through the Sunday School; baptize 445,000 persons in 1983, 495,000 in 1984, and 560,000 in 1985; organize 1,500 new churches; appoint 2,554 more missionaries; enlist 300,000 short term mission volunteers; and lead 30,000 churches to increase their percentage of budget giving through the Cooperative Program.

To develop believers, Southern Baptists will be asked to involve 35,404 churches in regular prayer support for Bold Mission Thrust, train one million church members to witness and 3.5 million in discipleship and doctrine, involve 1.9 million persons in missions through Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union, and lead 20,000 churches to emphasize the development of Christian stewards.

In an effort to strengthen families, Southern Baptists will be encouraged to commit 500,000 family units to family worship and Bible study in their homes and to lead 35,404 churches to provide Christian family enrichment activities to strengthen family relationships and moral values.

A total of 13 major church projects ranging in length from one to three years will be prepared by Southern Baptist agencies for churches to use to reach the goals.

After reviewing the proposed goals and church projects, the Bold Mission Thrust steering body commended them to denominational agencies for long range planning and arranged for reaction to the plans by such groups as state Baptist executive secretaries, state Baptist editors and Southern Baptist program leaders.

Before recommendation to the messengers, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee will review the goals and projects.

A dollar won't do as much for you as it used to, and you won't do as much for a dollar.

Chatham, Jones Will Head Program For The State Keyboard Seminar

Two clinicians will head the program for the State Keyboard Seminar, sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on Feb. 22-23. The seminar, to be at First Church Jackson, will feature Jack Jones, organ clinician, and Mrs. Betty Jean Chatham, piano clinician, in a two-day series of conferences for ministers of music, pianists, and organists. Mini-concerts by the guest clinicians will also be a part of the program.

The seminar is designed to focus on keyboard accompanists as ministers who facilitate worship, offer inspiration, and lend valuable skills to the congregations they serve.

Jack Jones, now in full-time sacred concert and conference work, has held several positions as organist in churches. In addition to other faculty positions, he was head of the Organ and Church Music Department of the Southern California Conservatory of Music for a number of years. He is an experienced recording artist, concert organist, and conductor of various types of music workshops. Broadman Press has published organ collections by Jones.

Betty Jean Chatham has recently recorded her piano collection, "Morn-



Chatham



Jones

ing Has Broken" with Broadman Records. Mrs. Chatham often serves as accompanist for leading religious artists and music evangelists in addition to her concert work. She is known as an outstanding concert pianist, organist and singer. She has experience both as a recording artist and as a college faculty member.

The seminar will begin with registration at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22. Registration will continue on Feb. 23 at 8:30

a.m. A schedule for the event and pre-registration forms are available from the Church Music Department. The deadline for pre-registration is February 15, 1980. The registration fee for the seminar is \$10.00 per church. Mrs. Dot Pray, keyboard specialist with the Church Music Department, may be contacted for further information by phone at 354-3704, or by mail at the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS. 39205.

(75th anniversary) of the Alliance.

Robert S. Denny, BWA's general secretary, said that 116,000 churches affiliated with the Alliance's 115 member bodies have been asked to mark the February 3 date with sermons, prayers and other appropriate activities noting the worldwide expanse of the Baptist family.

34 Million Baptists
He said that the number of Baptists in the world has grown from an estimated 6 million in 23 nations when the Alliance was founded in 1905 to about 34 million in 140 nations. (Twenty-nine million of these 34 million are members of the Alliance). The growth rate is continuing at a rate of about 2 percent per year and is expected to accelerate as the Alliance's current ambitious program of evangelism and education is implemented by all member conventions.

"One truth presents itself with unmistakable force," said BWA President David Y. K. Wong in his message for BWA Day. "If our goal of reaching all peoples of the world with the gospel is ever to be achieved, we must extend ourselves and unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ to minister and preach to every person. The Baptist World Alliance is the proper channel through which this work can be done."

Wong, an architectural engineer of

Hong Kong, is the first layman and the first Asian among the BWA's 13 presidents. He was elected at the 13th Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in 1975 and will serve through the 14th Congress in Toronto, July 8-13, 1980.

Wong has travelled 265,000 miles, and on every continent except Antarctica, since his election in Stockholm. He notes that Baptists are a minority group in every nation of the world except the United States and that many members work under difficult circumstances in areas where unfriendly governments and non-Christian religions dominate.

He has discovered, however, that Baptist respond vigorously to their call for discipleship in these difficult situations and are generally spiritually stronger because of it.

The Alliance's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated at the Baptist World Congress in Toronto in July. Baptists from as many as 80 countries are expected to participate in a program using the theme "Celebrating Christ's Presence Through His Spirit" (John 16:13).

Materials for observance of BWA Day may be secured on request from the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009, USA.

Both Ridgecrest And Glorieta

Tours From Mississippi Will Take Senior Adults To Chautauquas

Senior adults from Mississippi will attend Senior Adult Chautauquas both at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, this year, according to information released by Kermit S. King, senior adult consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Tours from the state at large are planned to each conference center this fall in addition to the many church groups from Mississippi which plan their own tours.

The tour to Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is scheduled for Sept. 17-27 while the one to Ridgecrest will come a month later, during the height of the season for the turning of the leaves in the Smokies, October 10-18.

The purpose of both tours is to give senior adults an opportunity to attend a Senior Adult Chautauqua. These are Christian development conferences planned by the staff of the Senior Adult Section of the Family Life Ministry Department of the Baptist School Board. Five such conferences are planned for Ridgecrest and three for Glorieta this year.

The Mississippi tours are planned primarily for those persons in churches which do not or cannot plan such an activities for themselves.

"Church groups who do plan to attend are encouraged to do so on the dates the Mississippi group will be attending, if at all possible," stated King.

The Ridgecrest tour includes a night in Chattanooga and two nights in the Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge area along with an overnight stay in Nashville on the return trip, plus attendance at Grand Ole Opry. The conference there also last three and a half days with afternoon trips to Biltmore Estates, Mount Mitchell and Chimney Rock.

The Glorieta tour will be co-hosted by Jim Blakeney of First Church, Biloxi and the Ridgecrest trip co-hosted by Cortez Hutchinson of First Church, Yazoo City. Both are actively involved with senior adults in their church and serve as special workers with the Mississippi senior adult ministry.

Tour itineraries are available from the Mississippi Senior Adult Consultant, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Religious Educators To Hear Piland Of Sunday School Board

Harry Piland will be the keynote speaker of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting in Biloxi, Feb. 21-23. Others to appear on the program will include Horace Kerr, Cos Davis, Mrs. Martha Nelson and Chris Elkins.

The MBREA annual meeting will begin with registration at 4 p.m. on Thursday and conclude at 11 a.m. Saturday. There has been something planned for everyone involved in religious education work. Reservations may be made by contacting the Howard Johnson Motor Inn in Biloxi.

Piland will speak on Thursday evening at the opening session and again Saturday morning at the closing session. He is the director of the Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As the national leader for Southern Baptists' Sunday School movement, Piland is responsible for managing a department that employs 135 persons in editorial and promotion activities. Currently 73 quarterly and monthly Sunday School publications are produced with a combined circulation of 39,980,100. The nationwide enrollment for Sunday School exceeds 7.4 million.

Horace Kerr is supervisor of senior adult ministries for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will speak on the church's responsibility to minister to senior adults. His book, "How to Minister to Senior Adults in Your Church" has been released recently.

Kerr came to the Sunday School Board from Jackson, Miss., where he had been executive director of the Mississippi Council on Aging. Prior to

that he had served 13 years as minister of education, First Baptist Church, Jackson. Kerr was secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for 16 years, and is a past president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association.

Mrs. Martha Nelson will speak to the



Nelson

Kerr



Piland

Davis

ministers' wives and secretaries. She is a homemaker, award-winning author, lecturer, and conference leader. She is married to Carl R. Nelson, a pastor in Pelahatchie, Mississippi. She was educated at Delta State, Mississippi College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is author of several books and many articles that have appeared in national publications.

Cos Davis, associate professor of

Childhood Education at New Orleans Seminary, will speak on childhood education and conduct a special conference for children and preschool workers.

Chris Elkins is a special consultant with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is presently completing his education at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He is a former member of the Unification Church and will speak on the church's role in dealing with the cults. Also, he will conduct a special conference for ministers of youth.

Jeanette Clift George To Speak To Working Women, Downtown

On Wednesday, February 13, Jeanette Clift George, who portrayed Corrie ten Boom in the movie "The Hiding Place," will speak during a luncheon at the Baptist Building Sky Room.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 and continuing until 12:15. Mrs. George will then speak concerning her own personal witness for Christ as a woman in the working world. The luncheon will conclude at 1 p.m. in order for working women in the downtown Jackson area to participate during their lunch hours.

Cost for the luncheon is \$2.50, to be paid at the door. Reservations may be made by calling the WMU Office at the Baptist Building, 354-3704. Deadline for receiving luncheon reservations is noon, Monday, February 11.

Additional chairs will be set up for women who would like to hear Mrs. George speak but who do not desire to eat lunch. The first 200 to make reservations for lunch will be served.

New York (EP) — Some 1.32 million legal abortions were performed in the U.S. in 1977 and 1.37 million projected for 1978, according to the latest survey of The Alan Guttmacher Institute, a Planned Parenthood affiliate. The increase in abortions between 1977 and 1978 is 4 percent, compared with 12 percent from 1976 to 1977. About 29 percent of women who became pregnant in 1978 — three percent of all U.S. women of reproductive age — had abortions in 1978.

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Editorials

Abortion decision . . .

Justice Department appeal is commendable

Perhaps in these days of government by bureaucracy it is difficult to agree with the government in many instances, but the Justice Department's decision to appeal a federal district court ruling on abortion seems wise.

The district court's ruling struck down legislation denying abortion funds to many poor women. In other words, the district court paved the way for poor women to obtain abortion funds. This is the decision that the Justice Department appealed.

The trial lasted for 13 months.

If we must start with the premise that every woman is due an abortion whenever she wants one, then the ruling would be understandable. Poor women would be due such consideration as much as those who could pay easily. But to accept such a premise is to miss the point. The plain and simple

fact is that we cannot accept the conclusion that becoming pregnant, regardless of the circumstances, is to be considered acceptable. Pregnancy as the result of rape or incest or when it threatens the woman's life is one thing. For an unmarried woman to obtain an abortion just because she is pregnant is another. And for that abortion to be funded at tax-payers' expense is quite uncalled for.

The judge who made the decision said that there are such widely held views that it excludes "any legislative intervention except that which protects each individual's freedom of conscientious decision."

That seems to say that each individual is free to form his moral framework as he or she sees fit and the government will pay for the consequences, regardless of what they may be. Such a position doesn't take into ac-

count, however, that great host of people whose moral framework is offended by such unprincipled activity and who would resent having to help pay for the effects of such behavior.

To say that to deny poor women the access to abortion funds would violate their free exercise of conscience and religion is an unacceptable argument. My conscience and my religion compel me to stand against the behavior that would cause an unmarried woman to become pregnant, be she poor or rich. Therefore I would feel that my religious convictions had been violated if I should have to help pay for an abortion that arose from such a situation.

Some of the witnesses arguing the case in favor of the abortion funds declared that to deny the funds would amount to an establishment of religion. To say that such a concept is far-fetched is putting it mildly indeed. It

could more rightly be declared to be preposterous.

How a situation resulting from immoral behavior can be the reason for the failure to establish a religion is certainly beyond my comprehension. The Justice Department is to be applauded for its appeal of the decision.

Jesus didn't tell the woman caught in adultery to go on living as she had been; and if she got into trouble because of it, the others standing around would pay for her problems. His admonition to her was to sin no more.

If the crowd's refusal to pay for the results of her life of sin, had she continued in it, would have amounted to the establishment of a religion, then I would have to agree with the court. Then or now, however, I cannot see placing that sort of a stamp of approval on an act considered immoral in religious circles and at least questioned by society in general.—DTM

In Israel . . .

Southern Baptist presence felt

"All Christians are Jews, but not all Jews are Christians," says Bob Lindsey, Southern Baptist representative in Israel. Lindsey was one of the two Southern Baptist representatives visited during a trip there last month at the invitation of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism.

The other representative was Dale Thorne, director of the Nazareth Baptist school and chairman of the Israel Mission.

In Nazareth at the Baptist school the building for the second school is named for Paul Rowden, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board representative who died of cancer in 1959. He was the husband of Marjorie Rowden, who is now Mrs. Earl Kelly. She, of course, also served as a Southern Baptist representative in Nazareth during the fall Dr. Rowden

tended memorial services for Rowden at the school.

Lindsey has lived in Israel since 1959, when he went there as a student. He became a representative of Southern Baptists in 1965. He has acquired permanent residence status.

The Lindsey's daughter, Debbie, was born in Tiberias in Israel. She was graduated from William Carey College in Hattiesburg last May and is back in Israel working in the Jerusalem House, which is the Baptist Center. Her parents came to Mississippi for the graduation and spent a month's leave from Israel living in a house then owned by Mrs. Kelly. Before her marriage last March 17 to Dr. Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Mrs. Kelly was vice president and public relations director for William Carey College.

Lindsey says he doesn't believe that a Jew who becomes a Christian is a non-Jew. He points out that Christianity was originally a Jewish sect. The anti-proselytizing law of Dec. 27, 1977, has been largely forgotten about, he said, because Christians of the world raised their voices. Jimmy Allen, now president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, then president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was one who protested. He visited in Israel with Israeli officials, among them David Ephrati, the minister in charge of relations with the churches for the ministry of foreign affairs. The group of 10 religious journalists from over the nation on the trip last month had opportunity to visit with Ephrati.

Lindsey is acting pastor of the West Jerusalem congregation, which was organized in 1962. The church has

two-hour services on Saturday and evening services on Sunday. "It is practical to have services on Saturday because in Israel people work on Sunday," Lindsey said. "It is also a school day."

The church has 60 to 70 members; but for Saturday services there are 200 to 300 in attendance, he said. Many of those who attend are not Baptists, he added; but in Israel the evangelical community is so small that they prefer to gather in larger numbers than would be possible by trying to maintain separate churches of their own persuasions. The largest groups outside those attending the Baptist services are 2,000 to 3,000 Anglican Arabs and 400 to 500 Lutheran Arabs.

Israel is not an easy country to live in, he added. There is the threat of war,

and small countries have problems that others do not have.

Lindsey has become well-known in Israel for his compassion, illustrated by the loss of his left foot during the War of 1967 when he stepped on a land mine while rescuing an Arab boy who had wandered away from the Baptist orphanage.

The Baptist School at Nazareth has 587 students. Rowden was director of the school prior to his illness. The school was built by the Lottie Moon Offering, and it is still subsidized to some extent by the offering. The school is 70 percent self-supporting, Thorne noted.

Half of the students are Greek Orthodox. Almost twelve percent, or 67, are Moslem. There are 69 Greek Catholics and 40 Roman Catholics.

Nineteen are Baptists. Others are Catholic and Armenian.

Half of the 22 faculty members are Baptists, and the average tenure is 15½ years. Some of the faculty members have been there 30 years. Thorne is a 14-year veteran.

The church at Nazareth has 120 to 130 members. The pastor is an Arab, and other members speak from time to time. The work there was begun in 1911 by an Arab Presbyterian who went to the States and became a Baptist at First Baptist Church, Dallas. Southern Baptists moved into the area in 1920.

Nazareth is the small city where Jesus grew to manhood. The Nazareth school is hard at work helping young people today to become acquainted with Jesus and to grow in knowledge of Him.



The game's the same, whether it is in Nazareth or in the United States. Students at the Baptist school in Nazareth make use of the basketball court in the courtyard between the church and school buildings.



The editor, left, scribbles his notes as he visits with Southern Baptist representative, Dale Thorne on the grounds of the Baptist church and school in Nazareth.

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Blest Be The Tie"

Next Sunday, February 3, is Baptist World Alliance Day.

This summer's Congress in Toronto will mark the Diamond Jubilee of the BWA—the 75th year since Baptists of the world first got together for fellowship, in London in 1905.

Baptists in 1905 claimed six million in 23 nations. In 1980 there are 34 million Baptists (29 million members of the BWA) in 140 nations.

Three times I have attended congresses of the Baptist World Alliance (they are held every five years.) Once I was on leave of absence from my job; once I went as a representative of the Baptist Record; once I went on vacation.

In 1953, the Golden Jubilee Year of the Alliance, a lot of Baptists went from Mississippi to London, some by air but I think more by sea. I went with a student group on the small Italian ship, the Castel Felice. On July 2 we sailed from Quebec, and nine days later we docked at Southampton. In London we stayed at the Bedford Hotel and rode the subway to the congress at Royal Albert Hall.

The first session opened on July 16 with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." After the Archbishop of Canterbury had made a few remarks, Lawrence North, a New Zealand Baptist, preached on the Congress theme, "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

The most notable part of that session was the Roll Call of Nations. Later J. R. Dudley of Scooba wrote concerning this, "You really begin to get a grasp of the scope of God's love as you see people of every nation, every color, stand in answer to the roll call. It reminds you that some time there'll be another roll call—somewhat similar, where some you expected to see aren't there and some you haven't looked for are there in great numbers."

In 1965 W. D. and I, my sister Betty, and our friend Joan Peterson drove to the BWA congress at Miami Beach, where we stayed at the Hotel Nautilus.

We had lots of excitement. The oratorio, "What Is Man?" was stopped at midpoint, when policemen and firemen arrived "to search Convention Hall for a bomb." In six minutes, 15,000 people got out of there. As we rushed to the rear exit, I was holding Betty's hand and saying, "This is the first long trip you've ever made with me. What will Mama say if I let you get blown up?" No bomb. But we never did get to hear the rest of that music.

Then an elevator stuffed with too many people got stuck, and we were

many people got stuck, and W. D. was in a back corner. Later he declared it was not a pleasant experience, even though most of the other passengers were women dressed in bathing suits. The woman in front of him fainted and he had to hold her up until they were rescued.

Night services were at the Orange Bowl stadium. Saturday night we sat at a dizzying height, on the top tier. The sky was like a black coverlet tacked with stars. An Atlantic breeze cooled our faces, and the faces of the 40,000 around and below us. A billboard advertised the theme, "And the truth shall make you free." Joao Soren, the president, and other Brazilians talked excitedly about their nationwide revival campaign, "Christ the Only Hope."

Flag bearers dressed in white marched around the field with banners of 77 nations. A young Russian sang, "My God, How Great Thou Art." Billy Graham preached, and all that crowd left the stadium singing, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

When C. Oscar Johnson, a former BWA president, preached the coronation address on "Our Unity in Christ," he said, "All the keys on the piano are not the same note, but the keys can be played together in a composition of unity and harmony."

In 1970 the BWA Congress met for the first time in Asia. In the Budokan in Tokyo, two halves of a world were pictured on sheer silk, the Eastern Hemisphere and the Western, joined by a cross, to represent the theme, "Reconciliation Through Christ."

Joan and I flew with a Bryan tour group that included Dr. Joe Odle, Wadine Storey, Rachel and Herman Milner, and quite a few other Missisippians. From the windows of the Hotel Tokyo Prince I admired the garden—stone lanterns, miniature trees, sunflowers by a fence, pebbled walks, a small stream.

A few picketers protested Billy Graham's appearance. (They said they didn't like the Vietnam war and that they called Graham "a friend of Nixon.") Nevertheless, when Graham preached at the final session, at least 300 persons came forward in response to the invitation.

At the close of every BWA congress, "Blest Be The Tie" is sung (as James Henry Rushbrooke once said, world Baptists "are bound to one another by the silken cords of love"). That night in the Budokan we sang it, accompanied by the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra.

Letters To The Editor

Taiwan Needs Witnesses

Editor:

Pass the good word—

If anyone wants to have a part in the Bold Mission Thrust, he should go to Taiwan! My husband Bob and I spent the month of December with our children and grandchildren, and we found the door wide open with the "welcome" mat outside.

Most high school and college age young people and many older ones speak English well enough to communicate. They are eager to practice their English with Americans, and some of them go to four or five Bible study groups each week. There is a real need for personal work, with an opportunity for the individual to understand how to become a Christian.

One missionary told me she and her husband have seen twenty-four people

make professions of faith in Bible study groups in their home in the last fourteen months. Another said, "I have far too many students to know and witness to personally. I desperately need help."

Bob and I were blessed by opportunities to witness to and worship with the Chinese people. Their attitude and the missionaries' also seems to be, "Y'all come!"

Lorraine Sugg (Mrs. R. P.) Jackson

R. P. Sugg is a Supreme Court justice in Mississippi, and the Suggs are members of First Baptist Church, Jackson. The Sugg's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Sugg, Jr., are missionaries to Taiwan. The younger Sugg was pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, Miss., before their appointment in 1977.—Editor

First-person experience . . .

Dads make great mothers, too

By Eva Aultman Hart

Life was great for me in the fall of 1961. I was a popular high school sophomore; had a beautiful and talented mother; my dad was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, Miss.; and my seven-year-old brother, Jerry, was great to have around.

It was a Sunday afternoon when I returned home from visiting a friend at Mississippi College. When I arrived, I found that my mother had been suddenly stricken ill. Little did I know how unprepared I was to face such a terrible shock. I had been so wrapped up in my own activities that I had not noticed the worried look on my dad's face weeks before as he began to suspect that Mother was ill. It wasn't anything big, just little things—like her forgetting that we were having the deacons and their wives over for supper until the afternoon of the event (she never forgot anything before); her slamming the car door on her thumb and then repeating the incident on the other thumb a few days later, (her coordination had always been perfect). That Sunday she collapsed, and so did our family situation.

My grandmother flew in from Dallas, Texas, to help with her care; and we will be eternally grateful to Nannie for all her love to us. She and my Dad began their frustrating vigil, taking mother all over the United States,

spending all of our savings in a few short months. They would leave on Monday and take her to a doctor, always hearing the same verdict, "Brain tumor; no more than six months to live." Dad would return on Saturday with heavy heart and preach on Sunday. I saw his hair turn grey within a few weeks. These trips continued until a visit to the Mayo Clinic diagnosed mother's illness as Alshiemers Disease, a very rare brain-destroying disease. There was no cure, and no positive advice given as to her physical endurance, what to expect, or how long she would live.

My dad was now faced with the responsibility of not only being a pastor to his people but also a father and a mother to his two children. I was crushed at the idea of not having my mother's love and attention and rebelled against everything daddy tried to do for me. One day I saw daddy with mother. The doctors had advised him to put mother in an institution, but he refused to do this. For the first time I realized that while I had lost my mother, Daddy had lost his wife, his helpmate, the dearest person in the world to him. I saw how he loved and cared for her, knowing that she could never return his love. I understood for the first time that this was the kind of love that Jesus had for us, giving his life, and knowing that we would do lit-

tle for him in return. How easy it had been to love mother when she was well. Now would be the test of loving. We began to use Heb. 4:16 as our guide. From that day I vowed to help my Dad keep our family intact.

Ours became an experience in patience and understanding, because Mother had done everything for all of us. We soon learned not to put the oven on broil to bake pot pies (that's all we ate for a while); that cold water was to be used in washing colored items; rips and holes could be mended instead of being tossed aside. Dad soon became well-versed in teenage fashion and learned how to match up his clothes, a task that mother had lovingly done for him. He took the time to learn new math and sat down with Jerry and patiently worked with him until he mastered it.

Mother had always done the disciplining and had run the car pool. This new role put obstacles in Daddy's path. Columbia didn't offer many recreational opportunities for young people. About the only thing to do on Saturday night was to go to the midnight movie—starting at 10:30 p.m. and ending around midnight. After much pleading on my part, dad consented to let me attend, providing I must be home by midnight. "One minute after twelve is

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Bi-Vocational Pastors Shake Our Assumptions

By Robert Lamb
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The growing awareness of bi-vocational pastors in our ranks does not entirely please Southern Baptists. The trouble with this group of more than 9,000 pastors is that they shake some of our most treasured assumptions.

ASSUMPTION: "A complete response to God's call to preach guarantees a man a living from the church which calls him. God will provide if a man trusts him fully. It's all a matter of trusting God to provide."

The Apostle Paul would have been surprised at this statement. His practice was to accept money from a church only when he had left it, lest someone accuse him of preaching for money. He even gloried in his ability to earn with his own hands the money needed for his support (2 Cor. 11:7-9; 2 Thess. 3:8-10).

ASSUMPTION: "Bi-vocationalism is a recent idea brought on by inflation. These little churches just can't afford to pay their utility bills and pay the pastor at the same time."

While it is true that higher prices are putting a strain on many churches, the bi-vocational pastor has been a pattern among Baptists from the beginning of our denomination.

ASSUMPTION: "Serving as a bi-vocational pastor is only a step toward something better. When the church

gets stronger a pastor can be 'full-time.'"

A survey conducted by the research services department of the Baptist Sunday School Board indicated as many as 46 percent of our bi-vocational pastors would like to be in full-time church employment. Yet 15 percent said they had no intention of being "full-time." Others said they feel it is a special calling to serve a church in this way and that they would not want their ministry to take any other form.

ASSUMPTION: "The bi-vocational pastor is always an undereducated, marginally employed person who serves a small country church."

The survey conducted by the research services department of the Baptist Sunday School Board shows how one-sided this view is. Educational attainments of the bi-vocational pastor vary widely. Four percent of the pastors surveyed had less than nine years of formal education. Twenty-eight percent had high school or less. But 34 percent had seventeen years or more. One-fourth of the respondents were presently engaged in a formal educational program.

Bi-vocational pastors work in a large variety of secular jobs, but the largest number, 28 percent, were in professional work. The next largest number, 24 percent, were craftsmen.

Eleven percent were in sales. Only 3 percent classified themselves as laborers.

More than half of the churches served by bi-vocational pastors are under 150 in total membership. But 3½ percent are larger than the 377-member average Southern Baptist church.

Most of the churches served are in the open country. But in the 1976 church later over 600 churches in cities of more than 50,000 population reported that their pastors were bi-vocational.

ASSUMPTION: "Bi-vocational pastors don't have enough time to be effective leaders."

Despite their limited available time — estimated to be about 20-25 hours per week — these pastors have a good track record. A Southern Baptist Home Mission Board study says that when compared with the average Southern Baptist church, the church led by the bi-vocational pastor wins as many people to Christ, enrolls as many in Sunday School and church training, and starts as many missions. Only the missionary educational organizations seem to suffer. Their enrollment is significantly lower.

The secular work the bi-vocational pastor does often provides a basis for good report with his congregation. He experiences the same pressures his members do.

ASSUMPTION: "The full-time pastor of a large church has more freedom to do great prophetic preaching."

The bi-vocational pastor often has greater freedom in his preaching and fewer tensions between himself and his congregation than his fellow pastors have. The congregation realizes that since he does not depend on them for his full support, they cannot expect to control him. He can always go somewhere else. Often his church has a sense of gratitude for his willingness to serve them. He is available to them when they need him, but does not have time to hound them about matters they consider trivial.

ASSUMPTION: "The bi-vocational pastor is not 'full-time.'"

A generation ago many churches had half-time or quarter-time leadership and shared their pastor with one or more other churches. Now some of these same churches rejoice in having a pastor with them twice each Sunday and every Wednesday night. As far as they are concerned, he is full-time. Instead of his additional support coming from another church, it comes from another job. The pastor probably works harder in today's pattern. He can't repeat sermons in other churches, and his schedule may be less flexible. But the church enjoys full-time leadership.

The role of the bi-vocational pastor is not without its problems. Pressure on his time is intense. Little time is available for family life or for personal growth. A man may be tempted to rotate pastorate every few years, never leaving the area, but never growing beyond his two-year supply of sermons and leadership skills. And he may have difficulty relating to the denomination.

Especially in pioneer areas, it is a lonely role. The denomination needs these men, however, and must come to know them better and minister to them more effectively.

(Robert Lamb, formerly associate director for home study education with the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension department, is a professor of religion and religious education at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C.)

Washington (EP) — As 1979 income tax forms arrived in homes across the country, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to leave intact decisions that deny pacifists the option of refusing to pay that portion of the levy which supports the Pentagon.

Norfolk, Va. (EP) — The Virginia health commission has approved plans to build the nation's first clinic for the conception of human embryos outside the mother's womb.

Missionary To Liberia Will Marry Missionary To Ghana

Peggy Russell, missionary to Liberia, West Africa, will marry Jess Thompson, agricultural missionary to Ghana, March 15, at the Bouef River Baptist Church near Winnsboro, La.

Peggy returned to the States on furlough in November, 1979, and Jess is to return in February. She is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Russell, at Route 2, Box 164, Winnsboro, La. 71295.

Peggy has several Mississippi ties. Her mother, the former Ruth Bryant, was born near Hattiesburg. One of her sisters is married to Milton Burns, pastor of the Bel Aire Baptist Church at Gulfport. Her aunt (her father's sister) Mrs. Marie Collins, lives in the Love community near Hernando.

Mrs. Collins said, "Peggy went from the cotton fields of Louisiana to the harvest of souls in Africa."

Her father is a farmer, so she was initiated into the cotton fields like her two brothers and three sisters. She is the youngest, and was a tomboy — liked to go hunting with her brothers."

After college Peggy was a missionary journeyman for two years in Liberia. Then she enrolled at New Orleans Seminary, where she earned a Master's degree. In December, 1976, she returned to Liberia as a career missionary, stationed at Lamco, Yopouka, near Roberts International Airport.

In Africa she met Jess Thompson, agricultural missionary to Ghana, from Lubbock, Texas. The two will be married in March. They plan to take a two-year leave of absence from the Foreign Mission Board while Jess does further study at Southwestern Seminary, and then to seek reappointment as a couple.

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Millsaps Will Have Summers Lectures Feb. 7

James Fowler of Emory's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the second annual Millsaps College Summers Lectures on Thursday, Feb. 7, on campus. Fowler, a Mississippian, has been associate professor of theology and human development at Candler since 1977.

The Summers Lectures were inaugurated in 1979 with lectures dedicated to the memory of Carlyle Marney, and delivered by John R. Claypool, pastor, of Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson.

The lectures are made possible by an endowment given by Rev. L. C. Summers. A native of Mississippi, Summers served his career in ministry in the Methodist Church, retiring in 1964. His endowment is intended to bring outstanding persons in religion and related fields to speak to students, faculty, ministers and laymen.

Fowler's subject for the two lectures is "Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian." The lectures will be part of the lively dialogue between contemporary psychological theories of adult development and Christian understandings of adulthood.

The lectures are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, in the Academic Complex Recital Hall on the Millsaps Campus. There is no admission charge, and the public is invited.

I believe that in the end the truth will conquer. — John Wycliffe

Yellow Leaf Church Goes From Problems To Praise

By Jim Rice, pastor, Yellow Leaf Church

"It is no secret what God can do" as the song says, and the members of the Yellow Leaf Church have seen the truth of that line.

Yellow Leaf Church at Oxford, can look back to the far past to a time when, like most rural churches, the building was filled and overflowing and the church was growing. Then came the years of slow decline and leveling off. The church can look back in the near past to a time of rapid decline, and internal church problems. But the picture is different now.

The pastor, Jim Rice, reports, "In the last 18 months, the Lord working through his people, the church, has added eight by baptism and 28 by letter. He has increased the Sunday School enrollment from 87 to 126. He has increased the Church Training enrollment from 55 to 82. God has increased the average attendance figures from 45-65 in Sunday School attendance just 18 months ago to 80-100 in Sunday School today."

"Church Training also has increased in attendance from an average of 35-45 to the present figure of 70-92. Wednesday evening services were averaging 65-75 people. The morning worship attendance has grown to an average of 105 to 125 persons."

"The budget has also sharply increased. This is reflected in the increased giving to the local association in percentage."

Jerry Vance has joined the staff as minister of youth. Vance is a junior at Ole Miss and is from Slate Springs. He leads a new and vigorous youth program for the 40 to 50 young people the church now averages.

A new lay-person led volunteer children's program is being developed. A shut-in ministry continues to develop. The deacons, double the number of 18 months ago, are involved in visitation and deacon family ministry.

A church census has been taken of

new developing areas near the church.

Three choirs include a children's choir, youth choir, and an adult choir.

"The church's mission vision has increased greatly," the pastor said, "as seen in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, which increased from \$379 in 1977 to \$609 in 1979. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has shown an even more dramatic increase, from \$578 in 1976 to \$3,221.35 in 1979."

The pastorium has seen the addition of two more bedrooms and two more bathrooms and additional closet space in addition to a roof, paint, a refurbished kitchen which includes new wall covering, new flooring, new cabinets, new double sink, and new automatic dish washer.

The church itself has seen improvements such as some interior painting, a new steeple, additional outdoor lighting, central air conditioning of the education building, purchasing of additional metal folding chairs and equipment, and the decision to have the sanctuary pews padded.

To what does Yellow Leaf stand in credit for such a turn-around and growth? Pastor Rice credits four things: "First, credit goes in full to almighty God and our Saviour Jesus Christ who adds to the church, 'daily such as should be saved' (Acts 2:47)."

"Second, the people of Yellow Leaf for being and getting right with God and with each other in their personal Christian life and relationships."

"Third, the people began to pray for revival, for certainly the formula for growth is still as II Chronicles 7:14 gives it."

"Fourth, the people of the church began to reach out to the community motivated by their strong faith and commitment to the authority, and infallible truth of the inerrant Word of God, the Holy Scriptures."

He added, "Yet, let the credit all be placed at the feet of the Lord God of glory who reigneth forever and ever. To Him be praise, honor and thanks."



Tea Time In Israel

Debbie Lindsey serves tea to religious journalists who were guests at the Baptist Center in Jerusalem. Her father, Bob Lindsey, Southern Baptist representative in Israel, sits in the background. (Story on page 4)

Southwestern Plans Bible Conference

FT. WORTH, Tex. — The Southwestern Seminary / Heart of America Bible Conference has been set for March 10-12 on the seminary campus here.

The conference is sponsored jointly by Southwestern and the Heart of America Bible Conferences. Theme of the conference will be "Communicating the Message of the Bible in the Eighties."

The two-day conference will include general sessions, small group workshops and regular seminary class sessions. Emphases will include personal evangelism, preaching, the media and

Bible study programs.

Program personnel will include Southern Baptist pastors, denominational leaders and faculty members from educational institutions.

According to seminary officials, conference participation will be limited to seminary students, faculty, staff and their families because of limited space on campus.

Dads Make Great Mothers

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Sunday morning." When I got home, he was awake and waiting for me.

Daddy was afraid of water. He always said that if it was too deep for baptizing purposes, he had no use for it. But, knowing that Jerry and I loved to water ski, he bought a ski boat. Every afternoon after he got home, he would take us skiing, praying every minute that the Lord would take care of us and not make it necessary for him to have to get into the water. Daddy became our cheerleader, chauffeur, confidant, and Jerry's and my best friend. He sacrificed not only to give us what we needed materially, but he gave us his love and his time.

Daddy financed my college education and was at my side praying for me and giving help and guidance as I obtained my master's degree and embarked on a career. He was a source of strength in everything that I did. He further sacrificed to put my brother through college while continuing as pastor of his church and to care for my Mother under the awesome financial burden that her care demanded. And so it has continued, day in and day out, for the past 19 years.

I am happily married and am the mother of a three-year-old daughter. I teach at Mississippi College and am music assistant at First Baptist Church, Jackson. My brother is working toward his doctor's degree to music from Louisiana State University and is teaching at New Orleans Seminary. My mother is still living, but her deteriorated physical condition has made it necessary to place her in a nursing home.

My dad has embarked on a new and exciting ministry, that of full-time evangelistic preaching. The Lord is richly blessing him in every meeting. He travels all over the country.

Yes, my world collapsed that Sunday afternoon 19 years ago, but from the rubble I found that the Lord never gives us more than we can bear and can always turn a burden into a blessing. For me, the greatest blessing of all has been a father and mother rolled into one.

Thanks Dad.

Union County Gets Ten Awards

Guy Culver, right, former director of missions of Union County Association, presently director of Alcorn/Tishomingo Association, and Union County Association's Missions Committee Chairman, W. Frank Lay, stand in front of ten 'New Work' awards. The awards signify association-sponsored work being done by volunteers, through the associational and church missions committees within Union County. Both Lay and Culver are Approved Workers for the Cooperative Missions Department in the Church Extension area.

Ray Grissett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, stated, "These brethren represent a host of diligent church and associational workers who have accomplished most valuable and essential ministry in Union County. Every church and/or association is urged to continue to involve themselves in ministry."

Extension ministries should be reported to Ray Grissett, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, for new work awards. These awards are presented jointly by the Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Need To Quit Smoking!

Methodist Center Will Offer Smoking Reduction Program

Individuals who want to stop or reduce smoking now have a chance to do so through a smoking reduction program being offered by the Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center, Jackson.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, a series of eight one-hour sessions will begin. The classes will meet weekly on Tuesday and may be scheduled from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. or from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. They will be held at the rehabilitation center, located at 1350 East Woodrow Wilson, adjacent to the University Medical Center. Free parking is available.

In addition to the eight weekly ses-

sions, follow-up will be provided one month after discharge from the program, then every three months for a period of one year. The cost for the total program is \$75.00.

A professional staff, using the team approach and techniques of behavior modification, can help you change the habits that keep you smoking. The MMRC team will include a physician, behavioral psychologist, nurse, social worker and respiratory therapist. The program is designed to meet group and individual needs.

To make reservations or for more information, call Barbara McDonald, Coordinator of Cardiopulmonary Services, at 981-2611, ext. 1088.

Society Hill Church's Baptist Men Initiate Ten Bold Mission Projects Within 2 Years

Within two years time the Baptist Men of Society Hill Church near Oak Vale have been involved in at least ten bold mission projects. The Baptist Men's group (or Brotherhood) was organized when Ray Henry went there two years ago as pastor.

Pastor Henry said, "God has used the formation of a Baptist Men's group to begin developing our church (which only averages about 70 in Sunday School) into one of the most aggressive, bold-minded churches I know of."

The ten projects, the Society Hill Baptist Men have taken part in are:

1. A mission trip to Harlowton, Montana, June, 1978, to help remodel a

church basement for educational purposes.

2. The support of the pastor of Harlowton, Montana.

3. Mission trip to Phoenix, Ariz., in cooperation with the Jeff Davis association.

4. Mission trip to Beulah, N. D., October, 1979, to help construct a church.

5. Laymen's revival at Harlowton, Mont., Oct., 1979.

6. Involvement in a work team and in giving financial help to victims of the flood in Jackson, and Hurricane Frederick on the Coast.

7. Thirty Mighty Men Campaign — A

campaign of 30 individuals who contributed above their regular gifts to three projects for nine months; their own church revival in the spring of 1979; the support of a national evangelistic telecast and programs of the James Robison Evangelism Association; and the support of ten native evangelists in India.

8. The support of a crusade in India during Christmas week, 1979, in which Pastor Henry preached, along with other pastors and evangelists.

9. An over-all increase in gifts to regular missionary causes through the Cooperative Program.

Pastor Henry stated, "Such aggressiveness, is motivated by being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. We have taken the offense by becoming directly and

personally involved in bold missionary outreach here in the U.S. and throughout the world. We praise Him for what He has been doing as we have yielded to His direction."

He added, "My favorite verse on how God has taken a rather small number and is using it significantly is found in I Samuel 4, (NAS) where Jonathan and his armor bearer attack the host of the Philistine army. Jonathan said to his armor bearer in verse 6, 'Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the Lord will work for us, for the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few.'"

MK Prayer Calendar For February

Richard Rowden (Israel), University of Mississippi Law School
Thomas Marler (Guam), Mississippi State University
Janet Calcote (Japan), Mississippi College

W. A. Criswell Recovering From Mild Heart Attack

DALLAS (BP) — W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 20,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas, is recovering from exhaustion and a mild heart attack which he suffered Jan. 13.

First Baptist Church administrator Charles R. Bristow said the 70-year-old pastor of Southern Baptists' largest congregation is expected to be released from the hospital soon and rest at home for a few weeks.

"At Dr. Criswell's current rate of progress, we expect he will be back in the pulpit by March 1," said Bristow.

The heart attack "resulted in no change in the function of the heart," he added.

Criswell had been writing a book and maintaining a heavy schedule of speaking engagements besides his normal schedule at the church. He recently participated in the Mission to Brazil Campaign, a joint effort of Brazilian Baptists, Texas Baptists and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to double the number of churches and church members in Brazil by 1983.

Mississippian Will Minister To Deaf In Louisiana Missions

James Wm. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Booth of New Hebron, has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of the Deaf, Portland, Ore., to accept the call as pastor of the Lafayette Baptist Deaf Mission, Lafayette, La., and the Lake Charles Baptist Deaf Mission, Lake Charles, La.

Both missions are being established even though the sponsoring churches, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, and Lake Charles, have had only minimal deaf ministries in the past. Now they recognize the great potential in the area (a population of almost 6,000 deaf).

Booth will serve both missions as pastor until growth in membership requires a full time pastor for each. He and his family will live in Lafayette in order to take advantage of a potential television ministry to the deaf that will reach both cities, and a ministry to a retirement home for the deaf.

He is married to the former Edith Ann King of Jackson and they have two children. They will move to the new field prior to March 1 and may be contacted c/o First Baptist Church, Box 2518, Lafayette, La. 70502.

The shame of the Bible destroyers is that they do not furnish a better one. — L. Anderson

WMU Will Raise Magazine Prices

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Prices of Woman's Missionary Union magazines will increase effective with July issues according to a report at the national Woman's Missionary Union executive board meetings.

"Prices have not increased since 1976, but we cannot continue to absorb higher costs of paper, printing, postage and office operations," Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU, told the board. "We're giving advance notice of the increase so that churches and individuals may adjust their budgets before the new prices are in effect," she said.

The rate hike affects nine magazines with combined circulation of more than 845,000. "Share," a young periodical aimed at preschool children, is the only magazine not increased. Price of nearly 300 stock literature and supplies items is not affected.

Beginning with July issues, "Royal Service," "Nuestra Tarea," "Contempo" and "Accent" leader editions will be priced at \$5 for an annual subscription. "Accent" for members will cost \$4.50. "Dimension," "Discovery," "Aware" and "Start" will be \$4 a year.



Shubuta Church's new annex, left, is named in honor of the late U. C. Wells.



Shubuta Church annex building committee members are, left to right: L. G. Hankins, Nelson Waller, A. B. Miller, V. L. Hutton, Billy Brady, Roscoe Jones, Avery Jones, pastor, Ralph McLendon, and Bobby Kendrick.

Shubuta Church Dedicates Annex, Names It For Late U. C. Wells

Shubuta Church recently dedicated a new annex which houses a fellowship hall with nursery and kitchen. Church members honored the late U. C. Wells by naming the building for him. Wells was chairman of the Building Committee when the building was started, but his death occurred before it was completed.

Avery Jones, pastor, was in charge of the dedication service that followed dinner on the grounds. Woodrow Horn, a former pastor, was also on program. Harold Hollingsworth, minister of music, led the choir in special music

with Mrs. Mark Mason, pianist, as accompanist.

Later expansion of the annex, on the west side of the church, will include Sunday School rooms.

A plaque was presented to the family of U. C. Wells, who had served as chairman of deacons and church song director. A reception in the new annex for family and friends of Mr. Wells was directed by Mrs. Liston McInnis.

Mrs. U. C. Wells and her sons, E. C. Wells of Marion and Chester Wells of Jackson, and their wives, were present, as well as Onous Wells of Jackson, brother of U. C. Wells.

Names In The News . . .



Left to right are Mrs. Kenna Byrd, Danny Von Kanel, minister of music and youth at Parkway, Pascagoula; Cheryl Prewitt, Miss America, 1980; and Kenna Byrd, Parkway pastor. (Photo by Jon Mitchell)

Cheryl Prewitt, Miss America, 1980, Mississippian, spoke and sang Sunday, Jan. 20 at Parkway Church, Pascagoula. All services were filled to capacity, according to a report from the church. The Mississippi Press Register, Pascagoula newspaper, summed up the visit with the headline, "Miss America Gives God The Glory."

At Mississippi State, Cheryl majored in piano/voice and music education. She said that her scholastic ambition is "to obtain a Master's degree from the University of Montevallo in Alabama and then to work for a doctorate from the Juilliard School of Music in New York" and that she hopes to perform professionally and to teach.

Her family as a group has traveled extensively, singing contemporary gospel music. Cheryl has been singing with her family since she was five and now arranges songs, plays the piano, and acts as emcee for the group. She has composed ten gospel songs.

Paul Reaten, missionary to Uruguay and a native of Tupelo, was the guest speaker at First Church, Tupelo, Jan. 27, on Baptist Men's Day. Sunday night he showed slides from his missions activities in Uruguay and was honored guest at a fellowship following the evening service.

Richard and Martha Beal, missionaries to Venezuela, have a new address, different from the one published in the Baptist Record recently. Richard and Martha and their two girls, Sarah and Susan, are now at this address: Apartado 61152 Chacao, Caracas 106, Venezuela. S. A. Martha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lyle of Route 1, Pecan Heights, Lena, Miss., and Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Beal of Pensacola, Fla.

Carr P. Collins, Sr., of Dallas, insurance executive and Baptist philanthropist, died Jan. 17 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas after a long illness. He was 87. Services were conducted at Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, with burial in Restland Memorial Park.

Collins, founder and organizer of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co., was a member and deacon of Park Cities Church.

A staunch believer in Christian education, Collins donated substantial gifts to a number of Baptist colleges as well as other Southern Baptist causes.

He was one of the founders of the Baptist Foundation of Texas and a trustee and contributor to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Norman Gillespie was ordained as deacon at a special service Jan. 27 at First, Oxford, Lewis Sewell, pastor.

John Daniel, pastor of Ruhama Church, Noxubee County, suffered a heart attack on Christmas Day and has been absent from his pulpit since that time. His home address is Route 2, Box 118, Starkville, MS 39759.

Linden Church, Linden, Ala. (60 miles from Meridian) will have a Bible Conference Feb. 16-17 with evening services at 7. Gray Allison, president of Mid-America Baptist Seminary, will be the speaker. He will preach from the book of Ephesians. Glen Savell is pastor.



THE SENIOR WMU OF FIRST CHURCH, MATHISTON honored MRS. RUTH ELLIS' retirement in December as WMU Director with a luncheon. The church's WMS was organized in 1920. Of the 59 years since, Mrs. Ellis has served 35 years. She is seated in the picture above. Two of the charter members are still living. One is Mrs. Ada Archer, who is on Mrs. Ellis' right. Mrs. Higdon Harrington, on Mrs. Ellis' left, succeeds here as director. Higdon Harrington is pastor.

Staff Changes

Paul Montgomery, Jr. became minister of education at First Church, Tupelo, effective the first week of January. He resigned as director of development for Georgia Baptist Foundation, a post he had held seven years. Before that he was minister of education and youth at Fort Oglethorpe, First and Stone Mountain, First churches, in Georgia.

He had earlier been an attorney in Natchez. He is a native of Laurel, graduate of Louisiana State University, University of Mississippi Law School, and New Orleans Seminary. He and Mrs. Montgomery, the former Joan Martin, have four children.

Keith Fowlkes has accepted a call from Castlewoods Mission, Jackson, to become the minister of music, according to an announcement by the pastor, Elton Moore. The Amory native is a junior at Mississippi College where he is majoring in church music. He has worked with summer mission groups, led music in revivals, and has participated in action groups at Mississippi College. He will commute weekly to Castlewoods, east of Lake land on highway 25.

Pearlington's pastor, J. L. Rasberry, is retiring this week and will move to Meridian.

The Mississippi City church has employed Ralene House as part-time secretary.

Harmony Church near New Albany in Union County has called Mike Smith as pastor. Smith, who was ordained by

the Border Springs Church, Lowndes County, goes to Harmony from the pastorate of Union Chapel Church, Pickens County, Alabama.

He is enrolled at Blue Mountain College, where he is majoring in Bible. He and his wife have four children, Michelle, Steven, Monica, and Betsy.

Eddie Killam, a native of Georgia, is the new pastor at Mashulaville Church, Noxubee County. He goes there from the pastorate of Galilean Church, Tampa, Fla. He and his wife have two children.

James (Buddy) McElroy, minister of music, has accepted that position at Causeyville Church, Meridian. He goes from the West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tenn. He formerly was professor of music at Clarke College.

He is married to the former Lorie Smith of Bailey, and they have two sons.

Causeyville Church honored McElroy and his family with a reception, welcoming him. Also honored on this occasion was Ronald (Ron) Shirley. He was given a plaque of appreciation. He has been serving the church as music director for many years. Ron Mercer is pastor.

Simeon A. Nix has accepted a position as music director of Mt. Zion Church near Brookhaven. He lives at Pearl and is a sophomore at Mississippi College, seeking a degree in church music with a voice emphasis. At the college he is a member of the track and field team, the Cantata Choir, and the Civitan Club.

Jimmy Miller is the new pastor at Calvary Church, Gulf Coast. He was recently ordained by his home church in Arkansas.

Frank Leiker, pastor of DeLisle Church, Gulf Coast, for eight years, has resigned. Walter McCraw is interim pastor.

Forrest Avenue Church, Gulf Coast, has called Richard Burt as minister of music.

Ray Campbell has begun his ministry as pastor of Escatawpa Church, Jackson County, following a ten-year pastorate in Clemson, S.C. The former pastor of East Fork and Hebron Churches in Mississippi Association and Richland Church in Rankin Association is a graduate of Furman University and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to Mississippi native, Delores Graham. Their two daughters, LaNell and Susan, are married. Ray, Jr. is a student at Clemson University.

The Escatawpa Church welcomed the Campbells with a reception on Jan. 13.

Whatever you have you must either use or lose. — Henry Ford

Liberian Baptists To Celebrate Centennial

MONROVIA, Liberia — Liberian Baptists will celebrate their centennial in 1990 with a new building, publication of the convention's history, and the adoption of goals and strategies for the next century.

The Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention Inc. recently approved architectural drawings calling for a nine-story building in downtown Monrovia at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. It will include offices for the convention and its organi-

zations and auxiliaries, a bookstore, a film library, a publication center, conference rooms, and office space for lease to outside groups.

The history of Liberian Baptists is intertwined with the history of the republic. The first president of the convention was Joseph J. Cheeseman, also president of the country. The current president of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., is also president of the Baptist Convention and pastor of Zion Praise Baptist Church in Bantou City.

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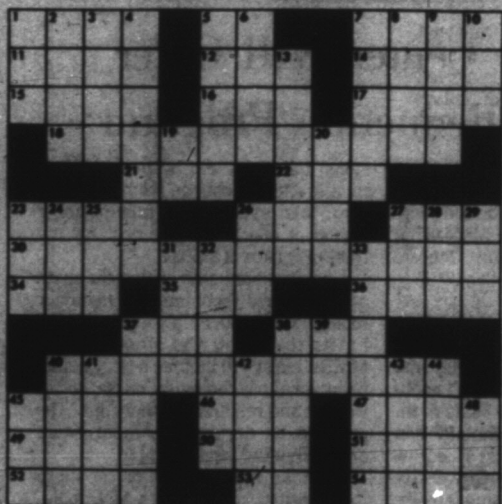
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- 18 Scare word
- 19 The candidate
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- 21 Ebal's brother (Gen. 36:23)
- 22 Feminine name
- 23 "whose name was —" (Luke 24)
- 24 In Bashan (Deut. 4:43)
- 25 "as a —" (Isa. 1:51)
- 26 Of the Chaldees (Neh. 9:7)
- 27 "— ye well" (Acts 15:28)
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- 7 "the very last —" (Luke 12:39)
- 8 Black or China
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- 10 "— of our God" (Luke 1:78)
- 11 Vetch
- 12 Destruction (Phil. 3:10)
- 13 Fish sauce
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 "the — of Damascus" (Acts 1)
- 16 "but we —" (Heb. 13)
- 17 1000 meters: abbr.
- 18 Spread by wayside (Psa. 140:5)
- 19 Amount of bread (1 Chron. 16:3)
- 20 N.T. book: abbr.
- 21 Prosecute
- 22 "cleansed — the —" (Lev. 14:7)
- 23 Asian weight
- 24 Plant genus
- 25 Office, of a kind
- 26 A great man (Josh. 14:15)
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Financial Picture Improves For International Seminary

By Susan Cahen
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The financially-troubled International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, is not yet free of financial woes, but the end of 1979 saw its budget in the black.

"The financial problems continued," says J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, "but economizing at the seminary and contributions from European Baptists have relieved some of the financial pressure."

"Prices seem extremely high in Switzerland for those depending on dollars, but for those dealing in Swiss francs, not so bad," says Hughey. Until seven or eight years ago the dollar was worth about 4.3 francs. Now it is worth 1.5 francs and exchange rates have, in recent years, dipped even lower.

Inflation isn't so much the problem in Switzerland as it is in other countries, Hughey explains. The more pressing problem at the seminary now is that the approximately \$300,000 subsidy provided by Southern Baptists makes up nearly half of the seminary's operating budget — and those subsidy

dollars must be exchanged for Swiss francs.

Southern Baptists sponsored the seminary when it began in 1949 and have continued to contribute to its support. However, in 1976, the Foreign Mission Board was forced to reassess its role in the seminary operation when the exchange rate of Swiss francs for dollars began to drop.

The board requested then that emphasis be placed on financial management and on increasing income from students and European sources, with only minimal increases in the board's subsidy.

A year and a half later the board offered European Baptists financial and administrative responsibility for a five-year period with the possibility of renewal.

The board agreed to provide the \$300,000 annual subsidy to the seminary's operating budget between 1979 and 1983, with a \$5,000 increase each year starting this year.

But Hughey says "other funds may have to be made available for urgent repairs or capital needs of the seminary."

Currently 53 students are enrolled at the school, about the same as a year

ago. Morale among the faculty and students is still good, Hughey says, despite the fiscal problems and the fact that Isam E. Ballenger, a Southern Baptist missionary, has resigned as seminary president effective April 30.

Ballenger had been serving both as seminary president and as the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Europe, but he indicated he could not continue to hold both positions on a long-range basis.

Education...

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the second semester but that it seemed to be holding strong. The school's major financial drive for 1980 has been named Blueprint for Progress Campaign and is showing encouraging signs. Early in the campaign pledges have exceeded goals that have been set. Mississippi College reported that renovation of the United Gas Building in Jackson for the School of Law is nearing completion, and a contract has been let for the construction of a library addition for the school.

Just For The Record . . .



Russell Church (Lauderdale) has dedicated a new activities building. Bill Webb, pastor of Midway Church, preached the dedication message. Dwayne Purvis, representing the youth, cut the ribbon, assisted by Lori Massey, representing the children, and Albert Roberts, representing the senior adults. Billy Brown directed the day's program.

Charles Griffith, pastor, presented a plaque which will be hung in the building, stating that the building is dedicated to the memory of Glenn and Jarrod Hand. The money for the building was given by the family of Glenn and Jarrod, who recently lost their lives in a fire which destroyed their home.

James Jones introduced the Building Committee, bottom photo. Left to right the men are Joe Rawson, Don Cagle, and Billy Harper. (In background, with back to camera, is the speaker, Bill Webb.) Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale County, led the closing prayer.

A reception under direction of Mrs. James Jones, church hostess, followed the program.

The interior of the building is not complete. The Building Committee challenged the church members to respond with volunteer work to finish the building inside.

Southside Church, Lucedale, ended 1979 with two major mission emphases, a GA recognition service and a foreign missions study. The following GAs received their Mission Adventure 1 badges and collars: Lisa Goff, Carol Howell, Amanda Kittrell, and Phyllis Cook. The following received Adventure 1 certificates for mission action: Missy Leggett, Pam Grant, Cindy Fields, Jeanan Clark, Sherrie Clark, Dulcia Williams and Dee Dee Williams.

Southside's foreign mission study for all age groups closed with a fellowship in the form of an international tasting party, featuring food of the Caribbean area.

Liberty Hill (Southern Baptist) Church, Panola County, has set February 3 as ground breaking day for an additional education building. Work is to begin on the building Feb. 4. Dinner will be served Feb. 3 at the church. James Lee Bailey is pastor.

Commission Road Church, Gulf Coast, has a new van which was recently given to the church.

Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, held a youth winter retreat at Paul B. Johnson State Park.

Oak Grove Church near Mendenhall will celebrate Old-Fashioned Day on Sunday, Feb. 3. Morning worship service will emphasize old-fashioned costumes and old-fashioned customs. Dinner on the ground will be followed by the singing of old songs.

At 2 p.m. Jim Harris, minister of music at Oak Grove, will be ordained. Carlton McNeer, the pastor, said that friends and former members are invited.

Prentiss Baptist Church voted Sunday, Jan. 20, a \$230,000 budget, an increase of \$22,000 over 1979. Cooperative Program gifts will exceed \$60,000, or 26% of the undesignated gifts, according to a statement by Kirby Tyrone, a member of the church.

A \$300,000 auditorium reconstruction program is now underway. Major changes in the pulpit area are in the program. The choir loft will be elevated and augmented with a classical Gothic arch. An 85-foot steeple will be added to the front of the building. James W. McClesky of Hattiesburg is the architect and Hanbery Corporation is the general contractor.

David A. Michel has been on the field as pastor three and one-half years. He received his doctorate in Family Ministry from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Conscience tells us that we ought to do right, but it does not tell us what right is — that we are taught by God's Word. — H. C. Trumbull

More State Churches Exceed Lottie Moon Offering Goals

First Church, Mathiston, doubled its 1979 Lottie Moon Offering Goal. The church goal was \$2,000. The total offering received was \$4,115.39. This is a record giving to foreign missions for the church, according to Higdon Herington, pastor.

Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven (Lincoln) exceeded its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$1,900 by \$485, for a total of \$2,385.

Mrs. Cleve Terry, WMU director, stated, "The mission offering of the church has steadily increased. We rejoice as our church gives more and more to missions in order to help the world to hear more of the message of hope in Jesus Christ."

H. D. Swindall is pastor.

New Salem Church, Caledonia, Lowndes County, had a goal of \$1,500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Wilburn Matthews, interim pastor, encouraged the congregation to go beyond this goal before Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 23, the offering totaled \$5,194. The total to date is \$5,394.52.



First Church, Macon's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has gone \$980 over the church goal of \$4,500. A check for \$5,480, the total offering, was handed to Pat H. Gill, left, Brotherhood director, and Mrs. L. B. Morris, center, WMU director, by Mrs. Beverly Thompson, right, church secretary/bookkeeper. Hugh O. Poole is pastor. R. S. McCrory is chairman of the Missions Committee.

Calvary Church, Oak Grove, Lamar County, has exceeded the 1979 Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$3,600 by more than \$1,000, to date. Doug Benedict is interim pastor.

Seminary

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proper atmosphere of training ministers, seminary officials said.

"The real issue at stake, of course, is the decision that the seminary is engaged in a totally religious function unlike other general institutions," Dilley said.

"The EEOC had held that even though the seminary is an integral part of the Southern Baptist Convention and its churches, established to train its ministers, they still have jurisdiction. In fact, they have taken the position that the EEOC even has jurisdiction over the church," Dilley said.

The seminary enrolls more than 4,000 students annually and employs more than 600 persons. Included in this total are 110 full time faculty members.



FIRST FAITH CHURCH, Route 4, Batesville, broke ground recently, to add onto the present church building. Participants in the ceremony were, pictured, G. E. Jolley, Panola director of missions; J. F. Stoncipher, Aubrey Russell, David Russell, Leonard Wright, deacons; and Wesley L. Nicholas, pastor.

Young Artists Concert Auditions Announced

NASHVILLE — Auditions for summer appearances at the Southern Baptist Young Artist Concerts at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers have been announced by the Sunday School Board's church music department.

John Gardner, church music department, said the goal is to provide a showcase appearance for six of Southern Baptists' finest young vocal or instrumental artists in front of the largest annual gathering of church musicians in the Southern Baptist Convention.

At Ridgecrest, the Young Artists Concert will be on Monday, June 16, during the Church Music Leadership Conference. The Glorieta concert will be on Monday, July 6, also during music week.

Young artists who appear will be selected by personnel of the church music department after listening to audition tapes submitted by young artists. Letters of recommendation from the artist's pastor or minister of music also must accompany the audition tape. Application forms are available from music departments of state Baptist conventions, the Sunday School Board, and all Southern Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries.

Only young artists between the ages of 18 and 25 are eligible to apply for the concert, and each one must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church. Auditions are limited to solos, duets or trios. No larger groups will be accepted.

Deadline for entry is March 1, 1980.

with notification of winners by April 15, 1980. All entries should be sent to Southern Baptist Young Artist Concert Auditions, Church Music Department, 127 9th Avenue, North Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Eligibility is limited to amateur musicians.

Room, board and all conference fees will be paid for the artists chosen to appear at one of the conference centers. Three artists will appear at each location and have a 20-minute segment on the program of the Southern Baptist Young Artist Concert. Transportation to the conference center will be paid by the artist.

Gary Bowlin To Enter Evangelism

Gary M. Bowlin, pastor of Lakeshore Baptist Church, 4207 Rainey Road, Jackson, will be entering the field of full-time evangelism effective Feb. 10.

Prior to serving as pastor at Lakeshore, he was pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Gloster, and West McComb Baptist Church, McComb.

Each of these churches led their associations in baptisms and Sunday School growth while he was pastor.

Lakeshore Church was 12th in Mississippi in baptisms for the church year 1978-1979 and eighth in the state in Sunday School enrollment increase. Baptisms throughout Bowlin's ministry have been primarily adults.

He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he received a degree in accounting. After graduation, he practiced as a CPA in Jackson, Miss., before surrendering to the gospel ministry in 1973 at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

He is also a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Norma, have two children, Bradley, 4, and Julie, 9.

Bowlin may be contacted at 5151-Sycamore Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39212, (telephone 372-2360.)

Group Backs Prayer Rule Changes

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Lord's Prayer.

Many citizens, nevertheless, incorrectly have concluded that the court banned voluntary prayer itself from public school classrooms.

The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently supported the high court position and has fought all efforts to overturn the decision through the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The SBC adopted resolutions supporting the high court position in 1964 and 1971, years when battles over school prayer similar to that now shaping up for 1980 were fought. The SBC's 1971 resolution specifically supported voluntary prayer.

Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director James E. Wood Jr., who is resigning from his position, expressed "dismay" and "disappointment" at the news of Rogers' involvement in the prayer effort. He said that the SBC president, who is a member of the Baptist Joint Committee by virtue of his position, has "completely repudiated the official resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention."

"Dr. Rogers did not consult with anyone on our staff about the serious First Amendment questions raised by the position of the new coalition," Wood added. Rogers' stance "in fact runs precisely contrary to that taken repeatedly through the years by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist Joint Committee, and its other member bodies," he said.

Wood promised that "in view of the mandate given us," his agency will continue "a vigorous fight" against "all attempts to undermine the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion by the state."

"I don't see myself in opposition to the SBC resolutions," Rogers told Baptist Press, "although they are resolutions of those bodies meeting at those times. 'I am strongly opposed to any state-supported religion, but I do not believe in separation of God and government and neither did our founding fathers.'"

Rogers said, "The Supreme Court did not ban voluntary prayer in public schools, it is true. Many public schools are at fault for misinterpreting the decisions. But the bottom line is that we have come to an almost anti-God and humanistic approach in some of our

school systems because of their misapplication of the Supreme Court rulings."

He said that in his view "all this legislation (the Helms effort) does is take this jurisdiction from the Supreme Court and place it in the hands of local bodies. I would be opposed to the enforcement of prayer, but I also feel that local bodies should control and interpret what we mean by voluntary prayer."

Others on the coalition's list of sponsors besides the five Southern Baptist ministers, Falwell, Robertson and Bakker include Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, Ben Armstrong of the National Religious Broadcasters, Robert Dugan of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Southern Baptist layman E. E. McAteer, one of the country's best known men for conservative political causes. McAteer is a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, where Rogers is pastor.

At a news conference held in conjunction with the religious broadcasters convention, U.S. Rep. Philip Crane, R-Ill., a presidential candidate, announced his support for the coalition. Crane is widely considered the most conservative of all 1980 presidential hopefuls.

Crane said his "cooperation" with the coalition was motivated by "deep commitment" to "the need to return to fundamental principles in education, the need to preserve basic constitutional functions, and the need to reaffirm our moral and religious heritage."

The Illinois congressman pledged to join the efforts of Senator Helms, who has long led the forces for so-called

"voluntary" prayer in the schools.

Specifically, Crane vowed to fight in the U.S. House of Representatives to bring Helms' prayer language to a vote. It is currently stalled in the House Judiciary Committee, chaired by U.S. Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J.

Helms' language passed the Senate last year after being added as an amendment to S. 450, a bill designed to improve the machinery of federal courts. The bill is expected to die in Rodino's committee.

Before passing the Helms language, the Senate stripped it from another bill calling for the formation of the new Department of Education, a measure which eventually passed both houses of Congress and was signed into law by President Carter.

Crane said he will seek the signatures of 218 members of the House on a discharge petition which would force the issue to the floor for a vote. The parliamentary device is rarely used and even more rarely is it successful.

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"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psa. 46:1)

Missionaries Would Swap Inflation For U.S. Rate

By Anita Bowden

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Is \$3,700 too much to pay for a missionary's car? Not when you consider some missionaries pay as much as \$15,000.

A \$15,000 car would be a luxury item for most people, but for Southern Baptist missionaries in Uruguay, because of import duties and other charges, it's only a no-frills Chevrolet or Volkswagen stationwagon. Inflation in that South American country was nearly 28 percent in the first five months of 1979, compared with 15 percent in the same period of 1978.

The cheap car can be purchased in Taiwan where inflation hasn't climbed so steeply. For \$8,700 you can buy a four-cylinder, four-speed Ford stationwagon with no air conditioning, no radio and stick-to-you vinyl seats.

Inflation is on the rise everywhere. For most Americans, salaries aren't increasing as fast as the cost of goods and services. Gasoline has reached or surpassed the dollar-a-gallon mark, home mortgage interest rates are at an all-time high, money is tight and there's no good financial news in the forecast.

But missionaries overseas would gladly swap their foreign inflation for the U.S. rate. Consider these facts:

- Bacon in Okinawa is \$4 a pound;
- A wringer washing machine in Guatemala costs \$95;
- A head of lettuce in Taiwan goes for about \$4;
- Chicken for four people costs about \$8 in Italy;
- A box of corn flakes in Ghana is more than \$7;
- Gasoline in Korea is about \$4 a gallon;
- A used piano costs \$800 to \$1,000 in Singapore;
- In Thailand, a small can of shaving cream is \$4.

How do missionaries and Southern Baptists cope with these financial challenges? Wornout phrases like "bite the bullet" and "tighten the belt" are getting more usage, but they're not solutions.

One answer lies in the attitudes and ingenuity of Southern Baptists at home and missionaries overseas. Some folks are changing their eating habits — using less meat and more fresh vegetables and fruits. Car pools are springing up in overseas settings as well as in the States.

An opportunity for Southern Baptists in the United States to help ease the crunch abroad is through the Lottie

Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Sponsored and promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union the 1979 goal is \$40.5 million, over half the annual operating budget of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. The other major source of income is the denomination's Cooperative Program budget.

The first \$32 million will go to operating expenses, a recent departure from the original use of the offering, which provided missionaries with the tools, literature, land and buildings with which to work. But inflation has eaten up a greater percentage of the offering each year and now the majority of it must be used to meet operating expenses for the board's 3,000 missionary force.

Since its inception, the offering, named after missionary to China Lottie Moon, has raised \$405,722,945. This year's goal is 12.6 percent more than the nearly \$37 million raised last year.

A heating panel provided through Lottie Moon funds on a missionary children's dorm roof near Tel Aviv, Israel, supplies sun-heated hot water for bathing, dishwashing and clothes washing for 12 to 15 people, saving electricity.

In Israel this summer inflation brought tension and some sleepless nights for those working with the Baptist Conference Center. When groups reserved conference time in the spring, they contracted for a fee based on prices then. But halfway through the conference season food prices increased 40 to 50 percent, boosting the

overall cost of each conference about 20 percent. Fortunately, some conference groups were willing to pay more than their contracted price. The center lost money on other groups.

At the Foreign Mission Board inflation is causing problems, too. In the 10-year period between May 1969 and May 1979 inflation rose more than 96 percent. During approximately the same time, missionary personnel increased more than 22 percent. The two factors combined show a need for a more than 140 percent increase in budget just to maintain the increased number of missionaries and their work, according to Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division. But between 1968 and 1978 Southern Baptist giving to foreign missions rose only 118.5 percent. This is not bold financing, Crawley said.

"In order to be bold we must do more than just keep up with inflation and increased missionary personnel—and we're not even doing that now," he said. "Our whole problem is a matter of priorities — how important Southern Baptists think missions work is. Statistics indicate missions is losing ground in importance with Southern Baptists."

"At present we are not having to turn away potential missionaries because we don't have the money to support them. But we're gradually taking away the materials for them to work with. We can't reach the world for Christ if all we have to work with is 3,000 missionary voices."

Harrisburg Reports 64 Professions Of Faith, During Honduras Mission

The first of two missions groups going to Honduras this month from Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, has returned to the state. Mrs. Sue Simpson, coordinator of mission activities for the church, stated, "Our first group returned Saturday night with mixed emotions concerning the tremendous physical and spiritual needs of the village people with whom we worked. Indeed the Honduran people are receptive to the desire of Christians to help them."

She added, "Among the seeds planted were 64 professions of faith in

Jesus Christ as well as dental attention for 315 people and medicine distribution to over 300 people."

A new dimension of help was added with a nutrition study by Mary Futrell, professor of home economics at Mississippi State University, who accompanied the group. A program of basic nutrition and agricultural education was initiated.

Mrs. Simpson said, "Each member of the team became even more aware of the tremendous needs of the people as we were able to save the life of one small girl critically ill with double

Third-Round Efforts Work To Get 2000th Church Going

By Norman Jameson
MILFORD, Mich. (BP) — Southern Baptists flexed their missions muscle three times in Milford, Mich., before they pulled a new church into the ring.

When the final bell rang Dec. 16 on Milford Baptist Chapel the fight had just begun for its 63 charter members as they constituted into Southern Hills Baptist Church, the 2000th Southern Baptist church in the seven North Central States.

Dale Gross, pistol-packing karate expert and pastor of the milestone church, says third-round efforts worked in Milford where two earlier attempts to start a church had failed because "we didn't give up when we hit rocky ground."

South Hills Baptist Church and its pastor may be the archetypal story in Southern Baptist missions. To hear it, 241 church members and denominational leaders from around the country braved an early winter snow storm and crowded into an elementary school gymnasium for the constitution service.

Gross became a Christian in a storefront Baptist church in Detroit when he was 16. He says the Lord called him to preach that very year but he ran "like Jonah" for 17 years before accepting a request from Orchard Hills Baptist Church to help start a mission in Milford.

Gross is bivocational, making his living as the commanding officer of the patrol division of the nearby Novi police force. The mission first met in a school, as many do. The new work is in the heart of a special Southern Baptist missions effort called North Central Missions Thrust, part of the larger

overall Bold Mission Thrust to tell everyone the story of Jesus in this century.

From the beginning, the chapel was self-supporting and it budgeted 10 percent of its offerings to world missions through the Cooperative Program and two percent to associational ministries.

As the 2000th church, it marks a great milestone in the North Central States' goal to double all phases of their work by 1990, including having 3,600 churches. The North Central States include Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota and Iowa.

Southern Baptist work in the area has grown from 621 churches with 108,000 members in 1949 to 2,000 churches and 475,000 members in 1979 — an increase in membership of 340 percent while the population increased 30 percent. Leaders in the seven states will soon meet to select points at which to begin 780 new churches in 1980-81. That's a rate of one a day.

South Hills became the 191st Southern Baptist church in the Baptist State Convention of Michigan which was founded in 1957 with 53 congregations. In 1951, there were just six Southern Baptist congregations in Michigan, with 800 members.

"One of the things we've done from the first day is think big," says Gross about his successful church, which will

move into a new building in March. "Be absolutely positive about everything. Never doubt. If you're absolutely positive and stand on God's word, you can't fail."

Taking the advice of Billy Graham for whom Gross was the personal body guard during a crusade in Pontiac, Mich., Gross keeps his sermons simple. One half his congregation are new Christians and former Catholics.

Gross, who calls himself a second generation hillbilly because his parents hailed from Kentucky and Arkansas, rises daily at 5:30 a.m., and at 4:30 a.m. Sundays to keep up with his duties. Besides full-time jobs as policeman and pastor, he's studying for the doctor of ministries degree from Luther Rice Seminary. When he visits church members and prospects, his wife, Judy, frequently goes with him.

Gross says the publicity his church has received because the machinations of fate picked it to be the 2000th has been helpful. One person, investigating the activity, joined the church.

Growth continues. There were 53 names on the program bulletin that were to be charter members, but 10 persons joined the church between the printing of the bulletin and the constitution service. Gross anticipates a 500-member church within 10 years. That would be 10 percent of the current population of Milford.

Devotional

Get The Picture?

By Richard Alford, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

The picture is important. And it is important when you pray. What does your mind picture when you are praying?

An exciting story we often overlook is Jesus and the fig tree in Mark 11. Jesus had cursed a barren fig tree and Peter was surprised to see the tree actually withering. Isn't that just like most of us? We really doubt the prayer will be answered.

Jesus told Peter, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24). That blows my mind. He is saying picture your prayer as being accomplished, not just hope it will be.

So our struggle is to picture the reality of an answered prayer. I have found that when I cannot picture it, I am really doubting it will happen.

Get the picture? Picture it! Or in our church language "Believe it." If I can't see the thing happening in my mind, then I doubt it will happen.

WOW! What is it God wants to do in your life! Are you praying about it? Can you picture it?

Alford

Journeyman In Liberia Becomes "Baker, Barber, Traveler. . ."

By Janie Boykin
Missionary Journeyman, Liberia
(NOTE: Janie, a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi and a former BSUer, is serving two years as missionary journeyman. The following is from a letter to the BSU at USM.)

I have become a baker, a barber, a traveler . . . and in addition to "picking paw-paws." I have had the experience of getting a kickball down from the top of a palm tree.

November in Liberia began with the observance of Thanksgiving. Since November 1 was also the "Day of Prayer," we spent a part of our Thanksgiving Day at a special program. It was long (four hours), but was a good and meaningful experience, as these women (and some men, too) met together to pray for needs around the world.

One Saturday we had a one-day retreat for the GA's at Ricks Institute. We played games (kickball, frisbee, badminton, scrabble, checkers, etc.), sang songs, had devotion times together, and of course, ate. I am still amazed at the amount of rice these girls here can eat. By the way, it was at this retreat where the kickball got kicked into the top of the palm tree, and since your curiosity is up as to how we got it down, I think that I will save that story.

Bakery
November was the month of the annual Calendar Tea. A fundraising project sponsored by Mrs. Tolbert (Liberia's "First Lady" and President of Liberia WMU), this was the 11th year that it has been held. In addition to helping make the decorations for "Ricks' booth," I also made 100 plus cupcakes. And, Mary Elliot and I baked and decorated the centerpiece cakes for Ricks' table. We made a little boy cake and a little girl cake and dressed them (icing, coconut-tinted blue, chocolate chips, etc.) as Ricks students. They were really cute.

And I might mention the problem . . . the day I had all that baking to do, the water at Ricks was off. Finally that afternoon the water came back on, and I was able to turn the bakery back into a normal kitchen.

But not all of the month was spent running a bakery and getting ready for the Calendar Tea. I began meeting every Tuesday afternoon with a GA group at Clay-Ashland. Joe Young and I attended worship services there one Sunday and set a day for the GA's and

RA's to meet. That first Tuesday, we had 60 kids.

Five days I spent in the Ivory Coast. The missionaries there were involved in a spiritual retreat. They had asked that the Liberian Mission allow two journeymen to come and plan a program for the MK's. Since I still felt "new" here, I was surprised to be asked to go. But, I was . . . along with Mary Elliot. The trip was an experience, to say the least. We were supposed to leave on the 21st, but missed our plane. The next flight to Ivory Coast was the next morning at 8. We got up at 5 and left for the airport. We were in the front of the line to check in. But, when we handed the man our tickets he said, "I am sorry. The Sabena flight is 'fogged in' and won't be coming here. We are taking a smaller plane to Ivory Coast, and since you were the last to make reservations, there might not be a seat for you. Check back at 8:30." But, at 8 we checked back. We begged for two seats and finally got them.

Flight
So as you were celebrating Thanksgiving there, I was flying to Abidjan (the capital). On Friday morning, we flew to Mahn (where the retreat was being held). We had been told that the flight from Abidjan to Mahn was direct flight. After an hour, we began to prepare to land. I asked the steward (who spoke only a little English), "Is this Mahn?" He said, "No" and went to his seat. I looked out the window and saw no buildings, no runway . . . nothing.

My first thoughts were, "We're having to make a 'crash landing,' and since I can't understand French, I didn't understand the pilot's announcement." But no one else seemed alarmed. As this 80-passenger plane began bouncing through mudholes, I realized we had made a safe landing on a dirt runway. This stop was a scheduled part of the flight. It was wild as we "bounced" away . . . I am just grateful that we didn't get stuck in one of the mud-holes.

The next stop was Mahn . . . another dirt runway, but this time there were two buildings. In my limited French (which is so limited that all I know is "Frere-Jacques"), I found a taxi driver for the two of us and said, "Hotel Cascades." He took us there and we waited for some Ivory Coast missionaries who came for us and took us to the camp.

MK Camp
Mahn is in the mountains so it was cool there. The camp was "rustic." We had electricity only from 6:30 - 10:30 each night; we swam in a creek; we visited "swinging bridges" . . . But back to the purpose of our going: we met with the MK's Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday night. The time with them was good "quality" time even though it was short. They were younger than we had been told, but since journeymen are flexible, we adapted our program to fit their ages and their needs.

Sunday was spent traveling back to Abidjan . . . a 10-hour trip by car. I enjoyed seeing another West African country and another mission. It was a good (and learning) experience . . . to be in a French-speaking country . . . not able to read signs or menus . . . not able to talk with the nationals. It was "shocking" to go to a restaurant for pizza . . . to go to a pastry shop . . . to visit an ice-skating rink and bowling alley . . . to eat lettuce and tomato salad. Liberia and Ivory Coast are neighbors, but they are vastly different.

Lott Carey
Once back, I was busy again. We had our first GA presentation service at Lott Carey. This was a special time because it was their first ever. Some of the girls passed two of their steps. It is encouraging. Since they are out of school now for summer vacation and have gone home (wherever home is), we have stopped meeting until March (when school begins again). Already I am excited about the possibilities and the potentials for next year's GA group at Lott Carey.

Other firsts this month included a trip to the dentist, a picnic on the beach (in November!!), and a baptism service at Ricks (it was raining so all of us got wet . . . the baptism was held down at the nearest creek). As school is drawing to an end for this year, we are beginning to be involved in many end-of-school activities (parties, picnics, commencements, baccalaureates, etc.).

Many opportunities lie ahead of me. Pray for me . . . that in each I will earnestly seek His will and be submissive to my place of service here. (Janie's address is Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.)

To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is Godlike. — Horace Mann

Life and Work Lesson

Christ Is Alive!

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor
First, Holly Springs
John 20:
Focal Passage:
John 20:11-18, 24-28

Salvation both present and future for the believers is dependent upon the resurrection of Christ. The way to assurance of the resurrection is to experience the life of the resurrected Lord. This is not always easy to recognize. The experiences of John, Peter, Mary, and Thomas in this chapter point up this fact. However, Christ verified to his followers beyond any reasonable doubt the fact of his resurrection.

I. Fears And Frustrations Are Overcome By Jesus' Presence (John 20:11-18).

Mary had not overcome her fears. She had not grasped the idea of the resurrection. One crushing idea overshadowed her mind — that someone had taken away Jesus' body. Though dead he was, Jesus is still her Lord. She was looking for a lifeless body, not a resurrected Lord.

The death of Mary's grief is reflected in her action. Peter and John upon discovering the empty tomb had returned home (v. 8). However, Mary had remained at the tomb seeking to find her Lord's body. Secondly, her grief is so great that she failed to recognize Jesus' voice and person when revealed to her. And, finally, she replies to Jesus that she will remove the body if only she can find it. This would be an unlikely task for a woman.

Frustration can come even in the presence of angels and Jesus. To some the door of heaven is closed and sealed because of a lack of understanding. Mary stands at the tomb and weeps over the absence of the body of her Lord. The tomb is a holy place. It is a place where death has been but could not hold its prey. The linen bands spoke of death but of death destroyed and overcome. These speak of life and immortality brought to light. This house, intended for the dead, was the very door of heaven. Certainly angels did belong here.

Mary's fears and frustrations disappear when she hears her Lord call her name. Her tears are replaced with joy. Mary's love was great because of the great love which Jesus had bestowed on her. She responds by calling

Jesus, "Rabboni." This is an Aramaic word which means, "Teacher-Master." Mary clings to him once again as her own. The old days that were before the tragedy of Golgotha have now returned, and she intends never to lose him again.

Jesus very firmly but kindly encourages her not to cling to him. He notes that he has not ascended to the Father. He is saying that I am going to be here. Jesus speaks of the ascension as his own act, for his human nature now exercises all the divine attributes in which it shared before the incarnation. Mary was trying to receive Jesus as an earthly Master. Jesus is saying that I am restored to my divine nature. Mary was trying to cling to Jesus as before in his physical body. Jesus is noting that faith clinging must replace physical clinging. Mary may have conceived of Jesus' resurrection as being like that of Lazarus of Bethany. Jesus instructs Mary to go and share this news with the brethren. The fear, grief, and tears are gone as she goes in radiant joy as a vessel laden with precious freight into the place where the disciples are gathered (Lenski, p. 1363).

II. Doubt And Unbelief Are Turned Into Faith And Belief By Jesus' Presence (John 20:24-28).

Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples. Didymus like Thomas means "Twin." Some think that John was endeavoring to show Thomas as a divided man because of his unbelief. He may, however, have been absent because of his obstinate refusal to believe, or he may have had honest doubt. In either case, Thomas succeeded in making himself miserable for another whole week.

Unbelief is a dangerous thing. It often leads to despair. It seems to have separated Thomas from the other disciples even as he felt death had separated him from his Master. This separation from the disciples only added to his gloom. The real problem seems to be in Thomas' lack of faith in the resurrection.

The thing that tends to indict Thomas is the fact he refuses to believe by sight only, but demands to touch the scars of Jesus' hands and side. Unbelief always was and always

will be unreasonable. Thomas refuses the testimony of his brethren. Unbelief sets up a criterion of its own. It has been said that those who believe in God need no explanation, and those who do not believe in God no explanation will do.

The thing that tends to vindicate Thomas is the fact he is with the disciples when Jesus appears to them a second time. This would indicate his problem as being honest doubt which is seeking an honest answer. Also, Jesus is establishing the many infallible proofs about his resurrection. He will grant Thomas the exact desire of his heart to remove his doubts. Would Jesus have done this if Thomas' problems had been sure unbelief?

Jesus also knew that many like Thomas would have doubts, and they too would need facts to establish their faith. Jesus' followers did not understand nor expect his resurrection. They experienced difficulty in accepting this fact. However, he convinced them of it by his many appearances to them.

They came to believe in his resurrection as they experienced and shared in his resurrected life. Fear, frustration, and unbelief were replaced with faith and certainty. This the disciples learned through experiential knowledge. Thus unbelief was turned to belief.

Off The Record

Comedian Jan Murray claims he went shopping with his wife and tried to buy \$1 worth of potatoes. "I'm sorry," a clerk allegedly said. "We don't slice them."

After the death of her wealthy husband the widow placed a monument at his grave that read "Rest in peace." When she discovered that he had not included her in his will, the widow added this to the tombstone: "Till I come."